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Foreword.

The emancipation which the religion of Christ has brought to the spiritual life of man embraces the freedom from fixed forms of worship. The ceremonial statutes in Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers, which were laid down for the Church of the Old Covenant, have no counterpart in the New Testament. The Church of the New Dispensation has no divinely prescribed liturgy and *agenda*. Still, the New Testament abounds in admonitions to the followers of Christ to engage in private and public, individual and joint worship of God. "The true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him" (John 4, 23), — this saying of Christ is the only regulation which the Author and Finisher of the faith that saves men has considered it necessary to apply to human acts of worship offered to the true God. This regulation is comprehensive, but it relates to the inward motive and quality of the worshiper rather than to the external expression and features of his worship. Christ has taught men that God esteems the doer more than the deed, the devout heart more than an act of homage, which even a hypocrite may offer, whose heart is far from the Lord, and whose worship, accordingly, is vain and valueless. When men draw near to God with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having their hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and their bodies washed with pure water (Heb. 10, 19—25), He condescends to join them in their public assemblies, and hallows by His presence every form of worship which the character of the day and season suggests to their faith. His presence is conditioned on one thing only, *viz.*, that they meet "in His name" (Matt. 18, 20).

Evangelical freedom from the old ceremonialism does not mean license and extreme individualism. There may be, especially in the joint public worship of Christians, things that are unbecoming. (See 1 Cor. 11, 14; Col. 2, 16 ff.) The apostolic warning: "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Cor. 14, 40), was uttered with reference to forms of public worship. In a similar

connection the same apostle has declared: "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not" (1 Cor. 10, 23), and has urged the members of the Church to "follow after things wherewith one may edify another" (Rom. 14, 19).

The public worship of a number of Christians, by its very nature as a joint operation, requires ordering, to prevent confusion and collision. Moreover, whatever forms are adopted to express the homage of a company of believers, they must center around the communal interests of Christians. In the worship of the congregation the *vox ecclesiæ* is to be heard, responding to, and reechoing, the *vox Dei* in the Scriptures. Accordingly, the grand central truths of the Christian faith must find sole recognition and expression in a Christian formulary of worship. While the individual worshiper comes, indeed, to feed his own soul at the common banquet spread for all, and satisfies the special needs of his inner life from the stores of divine grace provided for all; while the individual believer in his heart undoubtedly connects with the common prayers, praises, petitions, and thanksgivings of all believers particular meanings which the words have assumed to him because of the peculiar way in which his Christian course is being shaped for him, still there is in the liturgical formularies of the Church little, if any, room for the expression of private spiritual experiences. For these, other provisions must be made. The liturgy of the Church and the official sacred acts of her ministers must be characterized by objectiveness. The entire liturgy is really a confession on the part of the whole Church, and its forms must be in harmony with the common faith and the common life of faith of all its members, so that any Christian who chances to come into an assembly of worshipers can at once intelligently and sympathetically enter into the religious exercise, and any non-Christian who witnesses an act of Christian worship is at once informed regarding the essential, basic, central facts of the religion of Christ.

The oldest Christian liturgies are stamped with this quality of objectiveness, and are thus clear echoes of the Word of God with its universal message to the children of men. Within these formularies for molding the worship of the believers there has been

ample room given to the fervor of every sentiment which the heart may seek to express in worship. The admiration and the fear of the believer, his sorrow and his joy, are all attuned to great facts and themes of the divine revelation, and are ringing with the sonorous keynote of redeeming mercy.

The early Christian spirit of worship has reappeared in the liturgies of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. There is a stately dignity, a heavenly grandeur, in these forms of worship which awes, while it inspires and elevates, the worshiper. Also by her liturgies and *agendas* the Lutheran Church had offered to the world the evidence of her apostolic and ecumenical character.

From the liturgical treasures of our Church the contents of the present volume have been drawn. They may be divided into three parts: 1. Liturgies proper, which offer forms for various services, with the necessary material for its enrichment and embellishment; 2. forms for official acts of a Lutheran minister — the conventional *Agenda;* 3. forms for use on extraordinary occasions that arise in an organized Christian society, such as anniversaries, special services, etc. These divisions are, indeed, not indicated in this sequence and under these heads in this book. While a logical order has been followed in the arrangement of the contents, it has not been possible to run a clear dividing line between the various departments. The divisions aforementioned have been given merely for the purpose of indicating the general character of the book and the wealth of its contents.

The ENGLISH LITURGY herewith offered to the Church is supported by the authority of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States. The thought was first suggested many years ago to the pastors of the English Synod of Missouri and Other States. They and their congregations had largely come out of the German body just named in the period of transition from the use of the German to that of the English language. They had only a meager hymnological and liturgical literature, altogether inadequate to the increasingly varied needs of their growing organizations. Individual pastors helped themselves by making translations from German books according as needs arose in their work, or borrowed material which appeared suitable to them from existing English liturgies. This was done,

of course, at the sacrifice of uniformity. The desire to have a common ritual for all sacred acts of congregations and their ministers prompted the English Synod to collect liturgical material and to appoint a committee on liturgical forms and forms for ministerial acts. When the English Synod of Missouri had become the English District of the Missouri Synod, report was made to this latter body at its convention in Chicago, in 1914 (see minutes, p. 126 f.), that the manuscript for an English *Agenda* had been completed, and publication might begin. The Synod referred the manuscript back to an enlarged committee, whose duty it was to be to carefully examine and, if necessary, revise the manuscript, and then proceed with the publication. This work was completed 1915, 1916, and 1917.

That it may be found to be a correct and adequate expression of the genius of Lutheran worship, and aid our churches and pastors in rendering the divine services and the ministrations solemn, instructive, and truly edifying, is the sincere prayer of

THE COMMITTEE.

St. Louis, Mo., July 28, 1916.

Preface to the Second Edition.

After the publication of the LITURGY AND AGENDA the attention of the committee in charge of this work was called to a number of inaccuracies, omissions, and discrepancies. This caused the Liturgy Committee to give the entire book another most careful reading and to make the proper corrections, to be inserted in the Second Edition whenever that should be necessary.

It became necessary sooner than had been expected, and the Liturgy Committee having been dismissed in the mean time, the undersigned was asked to prepare the manuscript for the Second Edition. In doing this, he has availed himself of the labors of his former colleagues on the Liturgy Committee, and of the suggestions that had been made for the improvement of the First Edition. The changes are few in number, and are all of a technical nature, either the removal of errors, or the uniform phrasing of matter that is used in several of the liturgical acts or the Agenda material. None of the forms here offered have been changed, nor has the sequence of the various parts been disturbed, for obvious reasons. The only addition is that on page 316. The principles adopted for the First Edition, and explained in the Foreword, have been strictly adhered to.

May the blessing of the Lord which has been abundantly bestowed on this work heretofore continue to rest on it, for the preservation of sound forms of worship and the upbuilding of His Church!

February 7, 1921. W. H. T. DAU.

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PART I.

LITURGY.

The Order of Morning Service, or the Communion.

A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost may be sung.

The Congregation shall rise, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall say:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The Congregation shall chant or say:

Amen.

Then shall be said the CONFESSION OF SINS, *as here followeth:*

THE CONFESSION OF SINS.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Then, all kneeling or standing, shall be chanted or said:

Minister. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Congregation. Who made heaven and earth.
Minister. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
Congregation. And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Then shall the Minister say:

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Congregation shall say with the Minister:

O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Then the Minister, standing, shall say:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God, and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all!

Then shall the Congregation chant or say:

Amen.

Then, all standing to the close of the COLLECT, *shall be chanted or said the* INTROIT *for the day.*

THE INTROIT.

The INTROIT *with the* GLORIA PATRI *may be chanted by the Choir; or the* INTROIT *may be said by the Minister, and the* GLORIA PATRI *chanted or said by the Congregation. Instead of the* INTROIT *a Psalm or a Hymn may be used.*

Collect

GLORIA PATRI.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Epistle

Then shall follow the

KYRIE.

The KYRIE *may be chanted or said by the Minister and Congregation, or each petition may be said by the Minister, and chanted or said by the Congregation in response.*

Lord, have mercy upon us!
Christ, have mercy upon us!
Lord, have mercy upon us!

Then shall be chanted the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *as here followeth. Instead of the* GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, *another Canticle or Hymn of Praise may be sung, except on festival days, and when there is a Communion.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

The Minister shall say:

Glory be to God on high!

The Congregation shall chant:

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say:

The Lord be with you.

The congregation shall chant or say:

And with thy spirit.

The Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

Then shall the Minister say the COLLECT *for the day.*

THE COLLECT.

The COLLECT *ended, the Congregation shall chant or say:*

Amen.

Then shall the Minister read the EPISTLE FOR THE DAY. *Other* SCRIPTURE LESSONS *may be read before the* EPISTLE, *but the* EPISTLE *and* GOSPEL FOR THE DAY *shall always be read. The Minister shall announce the* EPISTLE, *saying:*

The Epistle for (*here he shall name the day*) is written in the —— chapter of ——, beginning at the —— verse.

THE EPISTLE FOR THE DAY.

The EPISTLE *ended, the Minister shall say:* HERE ENDETH THE EPISTLE.

Then shall the HALLELUJAH *be chanted or said, except in the Passion season.*

THE HALLELUJAH.

Hallelujah!

Instead of the simple HALLELÚJAH, *a sentence for the Season of the Church-year may be chanted with it; or a Psalm or Hymn may be chanted after the* HALLELUJAH.

THE HALLELUJAH AND SENTENCE.

FOR ADVENT.

Hallelujah! Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies; for they have been ever of old. Hallelujah!

FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON.

Hallelujah! O praise the Lord, all ye nations; and laud Him, all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Hallelujah!

FOR THE PASSION SEASON.

Christ hath humbled Himself, and become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

FOR THE EASTER SEASON.

Hallelujah! Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

FOR WHITSUNTIDE.

Hallelujah! Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created; and Thou renewest the face of the earth. Hallelujah!

FROM TRINITY TO ADVENT.

Hallelujah! O Lord, deal with Thy servant according unto Thy mercy; and teach me Thy statutes. I am Thy servant, give me understanding, that I may know Thy testimonies. Hallelujah!

Or this:

Hallelujah! Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers; praise Him, and highly exalt Him forever. Hallelujah!

Then shall the Minister announce the GOSPEL FOR THE DAY, *saying:*

The Holy Gospel is written in the —— chapter of St. ——, beginning at the —— verse.

The Congregation may chant or say:

Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Then shall the Minister read

THE GOSPEL FOR THE DAY.

The GOSPEL *ended, the Minister shall say:* HERE ENDETH THE GOSPEL, *and the Congregation shall stand up, unless they have stood at the reading of the* GOSPEL, *and shall chant or say:*

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Then shall be said or chanted the NICENE CREED *or the* APOSTLES' CREED; *but if there be a Communion, the* NICENE CREED *shall be used.*

THE NICENE CREED.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the Resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Then may a Hymn be sung and the Minister shall go into the Pulpit. After the Hymn shall follow

THE SERMON.

The Sermon ended, the Congregation standing up, the Minister shall say:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

The OFFERTORY *shall then be chanted, at the close of which the Congregation shall be seated.*

One of the OFFERTORIES *here following, or any other suitable* OFFERTORY, **may be used.**

THE OFFERTORY.

I.

Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation: and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

II.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion: build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness: with burnt-offering and whole burnt-offering.

The Offerings shall be gathered and brought to the Minister, who shall place them on the Altar.

Then shall the Minister make mention of any special Petition, Intercessions, or Thanksgivings which may have been requested. He may also make mention of the death of any member of the Congregation.

Then shall follow the GENERAL PRAYER. *The Prayer here following may be used; or, if there be no Communion, the* LITANY, *or a selection from the* COLLECTS AND PRAYERS, *or any other suitable prayer.*

THE GENERAL PRAYER.

Almighty and most merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: we give Thee thanks for all Thy goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Thy dear Son, and for the revelation of Thy will and grace; and we beseech Thee so to implant Thy Word in us that in good and honest hearts we may keep it, and bring forth fruit by patient continuance in well-doing.

Most heartily we beseech Thee so to rule and govern Thy Church universal, with all its pastors and ministers, that it may

be preserved in the pure doctrine of Thy saving Word, whereby faith toward Thee may be strengthened, and charity increased in us toward all mankind.

Grant also health and prosperity to all that are in authority, especially to the President [and Congress] of the United States, the Governor [and Legislature] of this Commonwealth, and to all our Judges and Magistrates; and endue them with grace to rule after Thy good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness and to the hindrance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

May it please Thee also to turn the hearts of our enemies and adversaries, that they may cease their enmity, and be inclined to walk with us in meekness and in peace.

All who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity, especially those who are in suffering for Thy name and for Thy truth's sake, comfort, O God, with Thy Holy Spirit, that they may receive and acknowledge their afflictions as the manifestation of Thy fatherly will.

And although we have deserved Thy righteous wrath and manifold punishments, yet, we entreat Thee, O most merciful Father, remember not the sins of our youth nor our many transgressions, but out of Thine unspeakable goodness, grace, and mercy defend us from all harm and danger of body and soul. Preserve us from false and pernicious doctrine, from war and bloodshed, from plague and pestilence, from all calamity by fire and water, from hail and tempest, from failure of harvest and from famine, from anguish of heart and despair of Thy mercy, and from an evil death. And in every time of trouble show Thyself a very present Help, the Savior of all men, and especially of them that believe.

Cause also the needful fruits of the earth to prosper, that we may enjoy them in due season. Give success to the Christian training of the young, to all lawful occupations on land and sea, and to all pure arts and useful knowledge; and crown them with Thy blessing.

Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made.

These, and whatsoever other things Thou wouldest have us ask of Thee, O God, vouchsafe unto us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord and Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end.

Then shall the Minister, and the Congregation with him, say the LORD'S PRAYER.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Then shall be sung a Hymn.

If there be no Communion, a Doxology may be sung, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall pronounce the BENEDICTION, *after which the Congregation shall offer silent prayer.*

THE BENEDICTION.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

The Congregation shall sing or say:

Amen.

Whilst the Hymn is sung, the Minister shall go to the Altar, make ready the Communion vessels, and prepare for the administration of the HOLY COMMUNION. *The Hymn ended, the Congregation shall rise, and stand to the end of the* AGNUS DEI.

THE PREFACE.

The Minister shall say:

The Lord be with you.

The Congregation shall chant or say:

And with thy spirit.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Congregation. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Congregation. It is meet and right so to do.

Minister. It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Here shall follow the PROPER PREFACE, *according to the time, if there be any specially appointed; or else immediately shall follow,* THEREFORE WITH ANGELS, *etc.*

Proper Prefaces.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

For in the mystery of the Word made flesh, Thou hast given us a new revelation of Thy glory, that, seeing Thee in the person of Thy Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels, etc.

FOR THE PASSION SEASON.

Who on the tree of the cross didst give salvation unto mankind, that, whence death arose, thence Life also might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame might likewise by a tree be overcome, through Christ, our Lord; through whom with angels, etc.

FOR THE EASTER SEASON.

But chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by His death hath destroyed death, and by His rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels, etc.

FOR ASCENSION DAY.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His Resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples, and in their sight was taken up into heaven, that He might make us partakers of His divine nature. Therefore with angels, etc.

FOR WHITSUNDAY.

Through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascended above the heavens, and, sitting at Thy right hand, poured out on this day the Holy Spirit, as He had promised, upon the chosen disciples; whereat the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels, etc.

FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE TRINITY.

Who with Thine only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost art one God, one Lord. And in the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in Person, and the Unity in Substance, of Majesty coequal. Therefore with angels, etc.

After the Preface shall follow immediately:

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

Then shall be said or chanted the

SANCTUS.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Then may the Minister give this EXHORTATION.

THE EXHORTATION.

Dearly beloved! Forasmuch as we purpose to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it becometh us diligently to examine ourselves, as St. Paul exhorteth us. For this Holy Sacrament hath been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins, and who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

But if we thus examine ourselves, we shall find nothing in us but only sin and death, from which we can in no wise set ourselves free. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ hath had mercy upon us, and hath taken upon Himself our nature, that so He might fulfil for us the whole will and Law of God, and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. And to the end that we should the more confidently believe this, and be strengthened by our faith in a cheerful obedience to His holy will, He hath instituted the Holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feedeth us with His Body, and giveth us to drink of His Blood.

Therefore, whoso eateth of this bread, and drinketh of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwelleth in Christ, and Christ in him, and hath eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of Him, showing His death, that He was delivered for our offenses, and raised again for our justification, and, rendering unto Him most hearty thanks for the same, take up our cross and follow Him, and, according to His commandment, love one another even as He hath loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread, and drink of this one cup.

Then the Minister, turning to the Altar, shall say:

Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil.

Then shall the Congregation chant or say:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread;(*a*) and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body, † which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

(*a*) *Here he shall take the Plate with the Bread in his hand.*

After the same manner also He took the cup,(*b*) when He had supped, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Take, drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, † which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

(*b*) *Here he shall take the Cup in his hand.*

Then shall the Minister say:

The peace of the Lord be with you alway!

Then shall be chanted or said the AGNUS DEI, *and the distribution shall begin.*

AGNUS DEI.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace! Amen.

When the Minister giveth the Bread, he shall say:

Take and eat; this is the true body of our Lord Jesus Christ, given into death for thy sins. This strengthen and preserve thee in the true faith unto life eternal. Amen.

When he giveth the Cup, he shall say:

Take and drink; this is the true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, shed for the remission of thy sins. This strengthen and preserve thee in the true faith unto life eternal. Amen.

In dismissing the Communicants, the Minister may say:

Depart in peace.

If the consecrated Bread or Wine be spent before all have communed, the Minister shall consecrate more, saying aloud so much of the words of institution as pertaineth to the element to be consecrated.

When all have communed, the Minister shall reverently cover what remaineth of the Bread and Wine.

Then, all standing, may be chanted or said the

Nunc Dimittis.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Then shall be said:

The Thanksgiving.

Minister.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

The Congregation shall chant or say:

And His mercy endureth forever.

Minister.

We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith towards Thee and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end.

The Congregation shall chant or say:

Amen.

Then may be chanted or said the

BENEDICAMUS.

Minister. The Lord be with you.
Congregation. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Bless we the Lord.
Congregation. Thanks be to God.

Then shall the Minister say the BENEDICTION, *as here followeth, or he may say the words* 2 COR. 13, 14.

THE BENEDICTION.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

The Congregation shall chant or say:

Amen.

After the Benediction the Congregation should offer silent prayer.

The Order of Morning Service.

(SECOND FORM.)

The service is opened with the singing of a Hymn of grace and mercy (KYRIE).

The Congregation shall rise, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall chant or say:

Glory be to God on high!

The Congregation shall respond by singing:

All glory be to God on high, etc.

The Minister, again facing the Congregation at the close of the Hymn, shall chant or say:

The Lord be with you.

The Congregation shall respond:

And with thy spirit.

Then the Minister, facing the Altar, shall chant or say some suitable versicle, or antiphon, two on festival days, e. g., on Advent:

Minister. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Hallelujah!
Congregation. Make His paths straight. Hallelujah!
Minister. Hosanna to the Son of David. Hallelujah!
Congregation. Hosanna in the highest. Hallelujah!

Then the Minister, still facing the Altar, shall chant or say:

Let us pray.

Then shall the Minister chant or say a suitable Collect.

THE COLLECT.

Almighty and everlasting God, who by Thy Holy Spirit dost govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church: hear our prayers for all members of the same, and mercifully grant that by Thy grace they may serve Thee in true faith, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end.

The Collect ended, the Congregation shall respond:

Amen.

Then shall the Minister read the EPISTLE FOR THE DAY. *The Minister shall announce the* EPISTLE, *saying:*

Let us hear with devout attention the Epistle for the day. The Epistle Lesson for —— is written in the —— chapter of ——, beginning at the —— verse.

The Epistle ended, the Minister shall withdraw, and a Hymn be sung. Then shall the Minister return to the Altar and, turning to the Congregation, shall say:

Let us hear the Gospel for the day. The Gospel Lesson for —— is written in the —— chapter of the Gospel according to ——, beginning at the —— verse.

Then may be sung "WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD," *and the Minister shall go into the Pulpit. After the Hymn shall follow*

THE SERMON.

The Sermon ended, the Minister shall read the GENERAL CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION, *saying:*

Having heard the Word of God, let us now humble ourselves before the supreme majesty of God and make confession of our sins, saying:

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee, and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them; and I pray Thee, of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Amen.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, who do heartily repent of your sins, believe on Jesus Christ, and sincerely and earnestly purpose by the assistance of God the Holy Ghost henceforth to amend your sinful lives, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of God † the Father, God † the Son, and God † the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall follow

The General Prayer.

After the General Prayer, special Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made, as occasion may require.

Then, after making the announcements for the day, the Minister shall say

The Lord's Prayer and the Votum.

Our Father, who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Then shall be sung a Hymn.

If there be no Communion, the Minister, facing the Altar, shall chant or say a suitable

Antiphon and Collect.

Then the Minister, facing the Congregation, shall chant or say

The Benediction.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

The Congregation shall respond:

Amen.

After the Benediction, the Congregation shall sing a closing stanza, and conclude the service with silent prayer.

Order of Evening Service, or Vespers.

A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost or another Hymn may be sung.

Then shall be chanted or said responsively the VERSICLE *with the* GLORIA PATRI, *as here followeth, all standing to the end of the* PSALM.

Versicle. O Lord, open Thou my lips.

Answer. And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Versicle. Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Answer. Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Hallelujah!

During the Passion Season the HALLELUJAH *shall be omitted.*

THE PSALM.

Then shall be chanted or said one or more PSALMS. *At the end of the* PSALM *the* GLORIA PATRI *shall be chanted. An* ANTIPHON *may be used with each* PSALM.

THE LESSON.

The SCRIPTURE LESSONS *shall then be read, and after each* LESSON *may be chanted or said:*

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Thanks be to God.

After the LESSONS *a* RESPONSORY *may be chanted.*

Then may be sung a HYMN.

Then may follow a SERMON, *after which the Offerings may be gathered.*

Then shall be sung:

THE HYMN.

Then, all standing, may be chanted or said this VERSICLE. *But on Festival days, a special* VERSICLE *may be used.*

Versicle. Let my prayers be set forth before Thee as incense:

Answer. And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

THE CANTICLE.

Then shall be chanted the

MAGNIFICAT. (St. Luke 1.)

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Savior.

For He hath regarded: the low estate of His handmaiden.

For, behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done to me great things: and holy is His name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him: from generation to generation.

He hath showed strength with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seats: and exalted them of low degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He hath holpen His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy: as He spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed, forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Or the

NUNC DIMITTIS. (St. Luke 2.)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

An Antiphon may be chanted with the CANTICLE.

THE PRAYER.

Then shall be said the PRAYERS *here following, or the* SUFFRAGES, *the* LITANY, *or other prayers.*

THE PRAYER.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then all shall say:

Our Father, who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Salutation. The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

***Then shall be said the* COLLECT *for the day: the* COLLECT *for the Sunday is said throughout the week following until Friday, but on Saturday the* COLLECT *for the following Sunday is said. Then may be said any other* COLLECTS *and after that this* COLLECT FOR PEACE. *A* VERSICLE *may be used with the* COLLECT.**

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Then may be chanted or said the

BENEDICAMUS.

Bless we the Lord.

Answer. Thanks be to God.

The service may end with the* BENEDICAMUS; *or a Closing Hymn may be sung, after which may be said:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

Amen.

At the close of the service silent prayer should be offered.

For suitable closing verses spoken by the Minister in the place of silent prayer, see p. 315.

The Order of Afternoon or Evening Service.

(Second Form.)

A suitable Hymn *may be sung.*

Minister. The Lord be with you.
Congregation. And with thy spirit.

Then shall follow

The Versicle (Antiphon) and Collect.

Then shall be read

The Scripture Lesson.

After the singing of a Hymn *shall follow the* Sermon, *and after it a suitable* Prayer.

Then shall be sung another Hymn, *which is to be followed by an* Antiphon, *a* Collect, *and the* Benediction.

Then, after the singing of a Doxology, *the service shall close with silent prayer.*

The Order of Early Service, or Matins.

A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost or another Hymn may be sung.

Then shall be chanted or said the Versicles *here following, all standing to the end of the* Venite.

Versicle. O Lord, open Thou my lips.
Answer. And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.
Versicle. Make haste, O God, to deliver me.
Answer. Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Hallelujah!

During the Passion season the Hallelujah *shall be omitted.*

Then shall follow the Invitatory *with the* Venite. *On Festival Days a special* Invitatory *may be used.*

The Invitatory.

Minister. O come, let us worship the Lord:
Congregation. For He is our Maker.

VENITE EXULTEMUS. (Ps. 95.)

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

THE HYMN.

The Hymn shall then be sung.

THE PSALM.

Then, all standing to the end of the PSALM, *shall be chanted or said one or more* PSALMS. *At the end of the* PSALM *the* GLORIA PATRI *shall be chanted. An* ANTIPHON *may be used with each* PSALM.

THE LESSON.

The SCRIPTURE LESSONS *shall then be read. After each* LESSON *may be chanted or said:*

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. Thanks be to God.

After the LESSONS *a* RESPONSORY *may be chanted.*

A brief EXHORTATION, *or* SERMON, *may then follow.*

THE CANTICLE.

The Congregation shall stand or chant the TE DEUM LAUDAMUS *or the* BENEDICTUS. *An* ANTIPHON *may be chanted with the* BENEDICTUS.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father everlasting.

To Thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers therein.

To Thee cherubim and seraphim: continually do cry, Holy, holy, holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty: of Thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles: praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs: praise Thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father: of an infinite Majesty;

Thine adorable, true: and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come: to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants: whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine inheritance.

Govern them: and lift them up forever.

Day by day: we magnify Thee.

And we worship Thy name: ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us: as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded. Amen.

Or the

BENEDICTUS. (St. Luke 1.)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for He hath visited and redeemed His people;

And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us: in the house of His servant David;

As He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets: which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers: and to remember His holy covenant;

The oath which He sware to our father Abraham: that He would grant unto us;

That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve Him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before Him: all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people: by the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the Day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: to guide our feet in the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

THE PRAYER.

Then shall be said the PRAYERS here following, or the SUFFRAGES, the LITANY, or other prayers.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then all shall say:

Our Father, who art in heaven: Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

One or more COLLECTS *may be used, with the* SALUTATION, *which may be preceded by a* VERSICLE. *After each* COLLECT *the Congregation shall chant or say:*

Amen.

Then may be chanted or said the BENEDICAMUS *with the* SALUTATION.

The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS.

Bless we the Lord.
Answer. Thanks be to God.

The service may end with the BENEDICAMUS, *or a closing Hymn may be sung; after which may be said:*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

Amen.

At the close of the service silent prayer should be offered.

The Order of Confessional or Preparatory Service.

A Hymn of Repentance may be sung.

Then shall follow a PRAYER *ex corde or one of the following* PRAYERS.

1.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

2.

Almighty and everlasting Father, the God of all grace, who forgivest the sins of the penitent, we beseech Thee, create in us new and contrite hearts, that, deploring our transgressions and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may obtain perfect remission, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

3.

O holy and righteous God, who settest our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance: we have done evil in Thy sight, our conscience condemns us, our sin cannot be denied. Grant, therefore, we beseech Thee, that we may not seek to hide ourselves from Thee, but make a sincere confession of our sins. And do Thou, according to Thy promise, forgive us our trespasses and cleanse us from all unrighteousness, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our only Savior. Amen.

4.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who lovest to show mercy, we beseech Thee so to rule and guide us by Thy Holy Spirit that we may not make light of our sins and lapse into security, but know and heartily deplore them, and in true faith obtain pardon and peace, to the end that, dying daily unto sin, we may live in newness of life, and ever serve and please Thee, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

5.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who alone art able to make us meet for a salutary eating and drinking of Thy true body and blood in the Holy Supper, we pray Thee, enable us to partake worthily of Thy holy Sacrament. Grant us knowledge of our sins, that we may be truly penitent; grant us knowledge of Thy grace, that by faith we may draw nigh unto Thee; and work in our hearts a sincere resolve to serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living. Have mercy upon us for Thy name's sake. Amen.

6.

O eternal, holy, and righteous God, we beseech Thee, grant us Thy Holy Spirit to work in us godly sorrow for our sins and a living faith in Thy Son Jesus Christ; cause us to turn with sincere repentance from our sinful ways unto Thee; and renew us daily by Thy grace, that we may live according to Thy holy will, worship Thee in true holiness, and be made meet to inherit Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

7.

O Lord God, who despisest not a contrite heart, and forgettest the sin and wickedness of a sinner in whatsoever hour he doth mourn and lament his old manner of living: grant unto us, we beseech Thee, true contrition of heart, that we may earnestly despise our sinful life past, and wholly be converted unto Thee, by our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Minister shall then deliver the PREPARATORY ADDRESS.

Then the Minister shall say:

Having now heard the Word of God, let us kneel and make confession of our sins:

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee, of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being. Amen.

Then, while the persons confessing continue kneeling, the Minister shall rise and say:

And now I ask you before God, Is this the sincere confession of all of you, that you heartily repent of your sins, believe on Jesus Christ, and sincerely and earnestly purpose by the assistance of God the Holy Ghost henceforth to amend your sinful life? Then declare so by saying, Yes.

Answer: Yes.

Then the Minister shall pronounce the ABSOLUTION *as follows:*

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of God † the Father, God † the Son, and God † the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The service may be closed with a HYMN.

Introits and Collects for the Church Year.

The INTROITS *have their proper music, but they may be sung to the Psalm tunes. The* INTROIT, *as far as the Psalm, may be repeated after the* GLORIA PATRI.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

INTROIT.

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in Thee;

Let me not be ashamed: let not mine enemies triumph over me;

Yea, let none that wait on Thee: be ashamed.

Psalm. Show me Thy ways, O Lord: teach me Thy paths.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Epistle.) Merciful God and Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast caused the Sun of Righteousness to rise upon those that dwelt in darkness; and we beseech Thee, graciously break the power of darkness in our hearts, that we may continually increase in the knowledge of Thy truth, and serve Thee in righteousness and true holiness, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

See Collects and Prayers, No. 55.

(Gospel.) Awaken us, Lord God, that we may be ready when Thy Son cometh to receive Him with gladness and serve Thee with a pure heart, through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(BEGINNING OF CHURCH YEAR.)

Almighty Lord God, who hast by Thy grace this day permitted us to enter a new church year, we beseech Thee, grant unto Thy Church Thy Holy Spirit and the wisdom which cometh down from above, that Thy Word, as becometh it, may not

be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve Thee, and in the confession of Thy name abide unto the end, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, Rom. 13, 11—14. *Gospel,* Matt. 21, 1—9.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Introit.

Daughter of Zion: behold, thy salvation cometh.

The Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard: and ye shall have gladness of heart.

Ps. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Thine only-begotten Son, so that by His coming we may be enabled to serve Thee with pure minds; who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O almighty God, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy Son, grant us Thy Holy Spirit, we beseech Thee, that through patience and comfort of the Scriptures we may abound in hope, being filled with all joy and peace in believing; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Cleanse our conscience, we besecch Thee, almighty God, by the daily visitation of Thy grace, that, when Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, shall come, He may find us fit for His appearing, and ready to meet Him without spot, in the company of all His saints; who liveth, etc.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, who hast appointed a day in which heaven and earth shall pass away, and both the quick and the dead shall be judged by the Son of Man, we humbly beseech Thee, make us diligent in the use of Thy Word, and enable us by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to walk before Thee in fervent faith and all holy obedience, that with constant watch-

fulness and prayer we may look for, and hasten unto, the second coming of Thy Son, and, being accepted in the Judgment, enter with Him into His eternal kingdom, through the same Thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, **Rom. 15, 4—13.** ***Gospel,*** **Luke 21, 25—36.**

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

INTROIT.

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Ps. Lord, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land: Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Lord, we beseech Thee, give ear to our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts by Thy gracious visitation; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O Lord Jesus Christ, who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee, grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming, to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, who livest, etc.

(G.) O gracious and merciful Lord Jesus Christ, who by countless signs and wonders hast shown Thyself to be the true Messiah that was to come, in whom alone we should trust and not look for another, we give Thee thanks for the true knowledge of Thee from Thy comforting Gospel, and beseech Thee, keep us steadfast in Thy Word, lest, being offended in Thee, we be led by worldly pleasure or the malice of men to depart from Thee, who art our only Savior and Redeemer, blessed forever. *Amen.*

Epistle, **1 Cor. 4, 1—5.** ***Gospel,*** **Matt. 11, 2—10.**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Introit.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above: and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Let the earth open: and bring forth salvation.

Ps. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth His handiwork.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

Stir up, O Lord, we beseech Thee, Thy power, and come, and with great might succor us, that by the help of Thy grace whatsoever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished, through Thy mercy and satisfaction; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

(Ep.) Merciful and gracious God and Father, who wouldst have us make known our requests unto Thee by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, we beseech Thee, do Thou with Thy peace, which passeth all understanding, prepare and adorn our hearts to be holy habitations of Thy Son, that we may receive Him with joy, abide in blessed communion with Him, and continually praise Thee with songs of gladness; through the same Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Lord God, Heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that for a comfort to us poor sinners Thou hast ordained and sent Thy Son as a righteous King and Savior to redeem His people from sins, from the power of the devil, and from eternal death; and we most heartily beseech Thee, so enlighten and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit that we may ever know and confess Christ to be our King and Savior, and, firmly trusting in Him alone, obtain eternal life; through the same Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* Phil. 4, 4—7. *Gospel,* John 1, 19—28.**

Other Collects for the Season of Advent.

Mercifully hear, O Lord, the prayers of Thy people, that, as they rejoice in the advent of Thine only-begotten Son ac-

cording to the flesh, so, when He cometh a second time, in His majesty, they may receive the reward of eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

O God, who dost gladden us with the yearly festival of our redemption, grant that we, who now joyfully receive Thine only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may also behold Him without fear when He cometh as our Judge; who liveth, etc.

Most merciful God, who hast given Thine eternal Word to be made incarnate of the pure Virgin, grant unto Thy people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that so they may be ready for Thy visitation; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, etc.

CHRISTMAS.

INTROIT.

Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder.

And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God: the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Ps. O sing unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvelous things.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

O God, who hast made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant, we beseech Thee, that, as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fulness of its joys in heaven; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

COLLECTS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the new birth of Thine only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Lord God, gracious Father, who in the fulness of time didst send Thy Son to become man, to assume our flesh and become our Brother, we thank Thee for Thy truth and fatherly goodness in giving us this Savior, by whose birth we are delivered from sin, death, Satan, and hell; and we beseech Thee, keep us until the end in true knowledge of our Redeemer, that, with all the holy angels, we may rejoice at His nativity, and behold Him, together with Thee and the Holy Ghost, in glory and majesty, world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord God, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that of Thy great goodness and mercy Thou hast caused Thine only-begotten Son to become incarnate, that we through Him might be redeemed from sin and everlasting death; and we pray Thee, enlighten our hearts that we may be truly thankful to Thee for His gracious incarnation and birth, that we may be comforted by the same in all time of tribulation and temptation, and in the end be saved with an everlasting salvation; through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, **Titus 2, 11—14; Is. 9, 2—7.** ***Gospel,*** **Luke 2, 1—14.**

SECOND CHRISTMAS DAY.

(The* INTROIT *is the same as for Christmas Day.)

(Ep.) Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given us Thine only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, grant that we, being regenerate and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may be renewed by the Holy Spirit after the image of this same blessed and gracious Christ, who liveth and reigneth, etc.

Merciful God, Heavenly Father, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to become man, that through Him we might be made partakers of all Thy heavenly gifts, grant that in true faith we may comfort ourselves with Thy mercy, and thus obtain the blessed fruits of His holy incarnation; through the same Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Almighty and everlasting God, enlighten our hearts, that we may ever find joy and comfort in the birth of Thy dear Son, make known abroad Thy loving-kindnesses, give Thee praise and glory, and, with peace abiding in our hearts, may patiently endure and overcome all adversity; through the same Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, **Titus 3, 4—7.** ***Gospel,*** **Luke 2, 15—20.**

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

Introit.

Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, forever.

Thy throne is established of old: Thou art from everlasting.

Ps. The Lord reigneth, He is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure, that in the name of Thy beloved Son we may be made to abound in good works; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Most merciful God, who out of love didst give Thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life, vouchsafe unto us, we humbly pray Thee, the precious gift of faith, whereby we may know the Son of God is come, and, being always rooted and grounded in the mystery of the Word made flesh, may have power to overcome the world, and gain the blessed immortality of heaven; through the merits of this same incarnate Christ, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Lord God, Heavenly Father, who by the mouth of Simeon didst declare that Jesus Christ is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, we beseech Thee, enlighten our hearts with true knowledge of Thy Son, that, in adversities and perils, we may not be offended in Him, but cling to Him, and rise through Him, and abide in Him, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, **Gal. 4, 1—7.** ***Gospel,*** **Luke 2, 33—40.**

THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST — NEW YEAR.

Introit.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth: who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

What is man that Thou art mindful of him: and the Son of man that Thou visitest him?

Ps. Thou, O Lord, art our Father and our Redeemer: from everlasting is Thy name.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

O Lord God, who for our sakes hast made Thy blessed Son, our Savior, subject to the Law, and caused Him to endure the circumcision of the flesh, grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit, that our hearts may be pure from all sinful desires and lusts; through the same Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, we give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, temporal and spiritual, bestowed upon us in the year past, and we beseech Thee of Thy goodness, grant us a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all dangers and adversities, and send upon us the fulness of Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, etc.

(New Year's Eve.)

Lord God, Heavenly Father, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, we thank Thee that in the past year Thou hast vouchsafed to us Thy gracious protection, given us health and daily bread, crowned us with Thy blessing, and defended Thy Holy Christian Church from harm and danger; and we beseech Thee, let us in a manner acceptable to Thee conclude the old year and enter upon the new, in which Thou wouldst be pleased to dwell among us continually with Thy goodness; for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(New Year.)

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we give Thee humble and hearty thanks that Thou hast preserved us during the past year from all evil, and bestowed upon us all manner of good, and dost now permit us to enter upon a new year; and we pray that it may please Thee mercifully to crown the same with Thy goodness, to bless us and our households with Thy heavenly gifts, and to grant and preserve unto us whatsoever is necessary for our bodily wants, to avert from us all calamities and evils, and to make this to be unto us a blessed, peaceful, and happy year; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our only Savior. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Merciful God and Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast called us, who were Gentiles, to the knowledge of

Thy Son Jesus Christ and to the inheritance of everlasting life; and we beseech Thee, so govern us by Thy Holy Spirit that, increasing continually in faith and walking after Thy commandments, holy and without blame, we may finally, with faithful Abraham, obtain the eternal inheritance; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) O Lord God, Heavenly Father, we give thanks to Thee that Thou hast made Thy dearly beloved and only-begotten Son obedient to the Law, that He might redeem them that were under the Law from its curse; and we beseech Thee, enlighten our hearts by the Holy Spirit that, when our conscience accuses us of sin, we may be comforted by His obedience, may walk in newness of life, and at last inherit everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, **Gal. 3, 23—29.** ***Gospel,*** **Luke 2, 21.**

SUNDAY AFTER NEW YEAR.

(The* INTROIT *and* COLLECTS *are the same as for Sunday after Christmas.)

(Ep.) *See Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.*

(G.) Gracious God and Father, in sincere humility we praise the wisdom of Thy ways, and with filial confidence yield ourselves to Thy fatherly guidance; hold us by Thy right hand, guide us with Thy counsel, and afterward receive us to glory; for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, **1 Pet. 4, 12—19.** ***Gospel,*** **Matt. 2, 13—23.**

EPIPHANY.

INTROIT.

Behold, the Lord, the Ruler hath come: and the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are in His hand.

Ps. Give the King Thy judgments, O God: and Thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we, who know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious Godhead; through the same Thy Son,

Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

See Collects and Prayers, No. 12.

(Ep.) Almighty and most merciful God, who didst in the beginning create the light, and in the fulness of the time didst send Thine only-begotten Son to be unto the end of the world the true Light of men, we beseech Thee, so illumine our hearts with the beams of Thy grace that we may walk in Thy light as children of light, and be made partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) O eternal God and Father, who hast revealed Thy Son as the only Savior from sin, and called us to the blessed knowledge of salvation, we thank Thee that Thou hast hitherto preserved Thy truth among us despite all the wiles and assaults of the Wicked One; and we beseech Thee, keep us evermore in purity of doctrine, and send forth Thy Word among men, accompanying it with the effectual working of Thy Holy Spirit, that many may be brought to know Thy Son, and obtain the inheritance of everlasting life; through the same Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, Is. 60, 1—6. *Gospel,* Matt. 2, 1—12.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Introit.

I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne: high and lifted up.

And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

Ps. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 65.

(G.) O Lord Jesus Christ, who, when a child, wast seated in the Temple in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions, so rule us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit that, following Thy example, we may love the habitation of Thy house and the place where Thine honor dwelleth, diligently seek the same, hearing Thy Word with gladness, and faithfully keeping it to the saving of our souls; O Thou, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, **Rom. 12, 1—5.** ***Gospel,*** **Luke 2, 41—52.**

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

INTROIT.

All the earth shall worship Thee: and shall sing unto Thee, O God.

They shall sing to Thy name: O Thou Most High.

Ps. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of His name, make His praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 48.

(G.) We thank Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that Thou didst hallow and adorn the holy estate of matrimony by Thy presence, and we humbly beseech Thee Thou wouldst continually preserve and bless this holy ordinance, protect us from impurity and offenses, and evermore dwell in all Christian homes, relieving all their necessities in Thine own good time, O Thou, true God and faithful Friend of men, who, having power over all things, livest and reignest, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, **Rom. 12, 6—16.** ***Gospel,*** **John 2, 1—11.**

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

INTROIT.

Worship Him, all ye His angels: Zion heard and was glad. The daughters of Judah rejoiced: because of Thy judgments, O Lord.

Ps. The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

* *Glory be to the Father*, etc.

COLLECTS.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 71.

(G.) Grant us, O Lord, we pray Thee, to trust in Thee with all our heart; seeing that, as Thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so Thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***See Collects and Prayers,* No. 33.**

***Epistle,* Rom. 12, 16—21. *Gospel,* Matt. 8. 1—13.**

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

(The* INTROIT *is the same as for the Third Sunday after Epiphany.)

COLLECTS.

Almighty God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright, grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 69.

(G.) O God, who hast founded the earth upon the seas, and established it upon the floods, and whose Word is forever settled in heaven, grant unto us grace, we beseech Thee, to look beyond the things which are seen and temporal to the things

which are not seen and eternal, that, walking by faith more than by sight, we may not be unduly moved by any occasions in this world, but be able to endure unto the end in the way of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the same yesterday and to-day and forever, world without end. *Amen.*

See Collect for the Festival of the Reformation.

Epistle, **Rom. 13, 8—10.** ***Gospel,*** **Matt. 8, 23—27.**

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

(The* INTROIT *is the same as for the Third Sunday after Epiphany.)

COLLECTS.

O Lord, we beseech Thee to keep Thy Church and Household continually in Thy true religion, that they who do lean upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by Thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) *See Litany Collect,* No. 6.

(G.) O Lord, the Author of spiritual life, who hast given us the good seed of Thy Word, grant that we may receive it into honest hearts; and do Thou so guard it by Thy grace from the wiles of Satan and the cares of this life that the faith and hope and love which Thou hast begotten may be in us the beginning of life eternal; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, **Col. 3, 12—17.** ***Gospel,*** **Matt. 13, 24—30.**

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

INTROIT.

The lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

Ps. How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts: My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

O God, who, in the glorious Transfiguration of Thy only-begotten Son, hast confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the fathers, and who, in the voice that came from the bright cloud, didst in a wonderful manner foreshow the

adoption of sons: mercifully vouchsafe to make us coheirs with the King of His glory, and bring us to the enjoyment of the same; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty and everlasting God, we give Thee most hearty thanks that Thou hast given us Thy holy Word as a bright light in the darkness of this present world, and humbly beseech Thee, enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to heed diligently the light of the Word, that the Day-star from on high, Thy Son, with grace divine, may arise in our hearts, and as the true Light continually shine, until the night is fully spent and the great day at hand; through the same Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, 2 Pet. 1, 16—21. *Gospel,* Matt. 17, 1—9.

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Introit.

The sorrows of death compassed me: the sorrows of hell compassed me about.

In my distress I called upon the Lord: and He heard my voice out of His Temple.

Ps. I will love Thee, O Lord, my Strength: the Lord is my Rock and my Fortress.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

O Lord, we beseech Thee favorably to hear the prayers of Thy people, that we, who are justly punished for our offenses, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Merciful God and Father, we give Thee most hearty thanks that in Thy Word Thou hast graciously revealed the goal toward which we should bend all our endeavors; and we humbly beseech Thee, keep and direct us by Thy Holy Spirit upon the way of truth, that, when our course is run, we may obtain the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Almighty God, Heavenly Father, who in the last hour of time hast called us into Thy vineyard, and of Thy grace given us our unearned penny in all manner of temporal and spiritual goods: grant, we beseech Thee, that, trusting only in Thy mercy, we may at all times in patience and humility render unto Thee cheerful and patient service and never murmur against Thy goodness, to the end that we may not be denied by Thee and rejected, but continue in Thy household, and glorify and praise Thy marvelous grace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, 1 Cor. 9, 24—10, 5. *Gospel,* Matt. 20, 1—16.

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Introit.

Awake, why sleepest Thou, O Lord?: Arise, cast us not off forever.

Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face: and forgettest our affliction?

Our soul is bowed down to the dust: arise for our help and redeem us.

Ps. We have heard with our ears, O God: our fathers have told us what work Thou didst in their days.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

O God, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do, mercifully grant that by the power of Thy Son, the Teacher of nations, we may be defended against all adversity; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty and everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who givest power to the faint, and strength to them that have no might: look mercifully, we beseech Thee, on our low estate, and cause Thy grace to triumph in our weakness, that we may arise and follow in the way of righteousness those who by their faith and patience already inherit the promises; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Almighty God, merciful Father, we give Thee most hearty thanks for Thy divine Word, which Thou art pleased

to sow as a heavenly seed among us, and we beseech Thee Thou wouldst by Thy Word and Spirit make our hearts a good ground, guard us against the dangers arising from cares and riches and the pleasures of this life, and keep our faith from being uprooted by the blasts of affliction, that in an honest and good heart we may bring forth abundant fruit; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* 2 Cor. 11, 19—12, 9. *Gospel,* Luke 8, 4—15.**

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

Introit.

Be Thou my strong Rock: for an house of defense to save me.

Thou art my Rock and my Fortress: therefore for Thy name's sake lead me and guide me.

Ps. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in Thy righteousness.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and, having set us free from the bonds of sin, defend us from all evil; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Merciful God and Father, who dost require of us fervent love of Thee and our neighbor, we humbly beseech Thee, graciously govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may never offend against love, nor devote Thy gifts to our own glory and profit, but according to Thy good pleasure and for our neighbor's welfare, growing continually in true faith and love unfeigned; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***See Collects and Prayers,* No. 69.**

(G.) Lord God, Heavenly Father, who through Thy Son Jesus Christ didst mercifully open the blind man's eyes, restoring his sight, we beseech Thee, with Thy Word so enlighten our hearts that, knowing Thee through Christ, Thy Son and our Redeemer, we may in all temptations and afflictions look only to Thy mercy, and at all times find comfort and deliverance; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* 1 Cor. 13, 1—13. *Gospel,* Luke 18, 31—43.**

ASH WEDNESDAY, OR FIRST DAY OF LENT.

Introit.

I will cry unto God Most High: unto God that performeth all things for me.

Yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge: until these calamities be overpast.

Ps. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in Thee.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create in us new and contrite hearts, that we, duly lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, **Joel 2, 12—19.** ***Gospel,*** **Matt. 6, 16—21.**

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (INVOCAVIT).

Introit.

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him: and show him My salvation.

Ps. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to defend us from them that rise up against us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty and everlasting God, who for the sake of the bitter suffering and death of Thy dear Son dost again, during the present Lenten season, graciously and earnestly offer to us forgiveness of sins, life, and eternal salvation: we beseech

Thee, give us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may not presumptuously or lightly set at naught the offer of Thy grace and mercy, but follow Thy gracious invitation with joyful obedience, and by holiness of living give Thee continual thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) We beseech Thee, O Lord, by the mystery of our Savior's fasting and temptation, to arm us with the same mind that was in Him toward all evil and sin; and give us grace to keep our bodies in such holy discipline that our minds may be always ready to resist Satan and obey the motions of Thy Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst fast forty days and forty nights in the wilderness, and didst overcome all the temptations of the devil, we thank Thee that for our salvation Thou wast in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin, and as our merciful High Priest canst be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; and we pray Thee, give us grace steadfastly to resist the allurements of sin, that, the lusts of our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey Thy godly leadings in righteousness and true holiness, to Thy honor and glory, who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

***See Litany Collects*, No. 3.**

***Epistle*, 2 Cor. 6, 1—10. *Gospel*, Matt. 4, 1—11.**

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (REMINISCERE).

INTROIT.

Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindness: for they have been ever of old.

Let not mine enemies triumph over me: God of Israel, deliver us out of all our troubles.

Ps. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

O God, who seest that of ourselves we have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with

Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

(Ep.) Almighty and everlasting God, who through the innocent suffering and death of Thy dear Son hast opened unto us a rich fountain of divine power unto life and godliness, we beseech Thee, replenish us with Thy Holy Spirit, that by sincere repentance and true faith we may in this present time cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and, by Thy grace dwelling in us, abound more and more in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 33.

***Epistle,* 1 Thess. 4, 1—7. *Gospel,* Matt. 15, 21—28.**

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (OCULI).

INTROIT.

Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord: for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

Ps. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

We beseech Thee, almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty and everlasting God, we thank Thee that for the sake of Thine own dear Son Thou hast made us Thy children by adoption, and we beseech Thee, govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that, as Christ also hath loved us and given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to Thee for a sweet-smelling savor, even so we may love Thee and our neighbor, and may walk as children of light in all purity and righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Lord God, Heavenly Father, who hast sent Thy Son into the world to destroy the works of the devil, we beseech Thee, curb the tyranny of the wicked foe, and protect us against him, keep us from security, and graciously preserve us by Thy Holy Spirit in all temptations, that, being ever defended from the Evil One, we may until our end walk in Thy fear according to Thy Word, and finally obtain everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* Eph. 5, 1—9. *Gospel,* Luke 11, 14—28.**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (LAETARE).

Introit.

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her: all ye that love her.

Rejoice for joy with her: all ye that mourn for her.

Ps. I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son into suffering and death, that in our stead He might render satisfaction to the Law, we most heartily beseech Thee, graciously keep us henceforth from seeking our own righteousness by the works of the Law, and enable us in true faith to put our trust solely in the merit of Jesus Christ, that so by Thy Holy Spirit the righteousness of the Law may be fulfilled in us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Lord God, Heavenly Father, who through Thy Son in the desert with little didst abundantly feed thousands, we beseech Thee, visit us also with Thy blessing, and preserve us from covetousness and cares of the body, that we may seek first Thy kingdom and righteousness, and experience Thy fatherly goodness in all things needful for soul and body; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* Gal. 4, 21—31. *Gospel,* John 6, 1—15.**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (JUDICA).

INTROIT.

Judge me, O God: and plead my cause against an ungodly nation.

O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man: for Thou art the God of my strength.

- *Ps.* O send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy holy hill.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

We beseech Thee, almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people, that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty and most merciful God, who hast given Thy Son to die for our sins, and to obtain forgiveness and redemption for us through His own blood: let the merit of this spotless sacrifice, we beseech Thee, purge our consciences from dead works, that we may serve Thee, the living God, and receive the promise of eternal inheritance in Christ Jesus, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

(G.) Lord God, Heavenly Father, who through Thy Son, true God and our Redeemer, didst say: "If a man keep My saying, he shall never taste of death," we beseech Thee, bestow upon us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may give due honor to Thy Son, keep His Word, trust in it, comfort ourselves therewith in the hour of departure, and through death enter into everlasting life; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, **Heb. 9, 11—15.** ***Gospel,*** **John 8, 46—59.**

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT (PALMARUM).

INTROIT.

Be not Thou far from me, O Lord: O my Strength, haste Thee to help me.

Save me from the lion's mouth: and deliver me from the horns of the unicorns.

Ps. My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?: Why art Thou so far from helping me?

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast sent Thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Almighty, who for our sakes didst humble Thyself and take upon Thee the form of a servant, we beseech Thee, govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may not be offended at Thy lowliness, but heartily believe that by Thy obedience even unto the death of the cross Thou hast redeemed us from the wrath of God and from eternal death; and keep us steadfast in such faith and in Christian humility, that we also may finally be exalted with Thee and made partakers of Thy glory, who livest and reignest, etc.

(G.) Almighty and everlasting God, who hast led Thy dear Son Jesus Christ through sufferings and death to Thine eternal glory, and hast exalted Him at Thy right hand to be Lord of lords and King of kings: we beseech Thee, grant us Thy good Spirit, that with willing hearts we may receive Him as our King, and follow His example of true humility, that, being made perfect through sufferings, we may enter into eternal glory; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* Phil. 2, 5—11. *Gospel,* Matt. 21, 1—9.**

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

Introit.

Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

Take hold of shield and buckler: and stand up for mine help.

Ps. Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

Lord, have mercy upon us, etc.

COLLECT.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we, who amid so many adversities do fail through our own infirmities, may be restored through the Passion and intercession of Thine only-begotten Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, **Is. 50, 5—10.** ***Gospel,*** **John 12, 1—23,** ***or*** **THE PASSION HISTORY.**

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

INTROIT.

God forbid that I should glory: save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead: by Him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

Ps. God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and cause His face to shine upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us, etc.

COLLECT.

Almighty and everlasting God, grant us grace so to pass through this holy time of our Lord's Passion that we may obtain the pardon of our sins; through the same Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, **Jer. 11, 18—20.** ***Gospel,*** **John 12, 24—43,** ***or*** **THE PASSION HISTORY.**

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

INTROIT.

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow: of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.

For He became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross: wherefore He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Ps. Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my cry come unto Thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us, etc.

COLLECT.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds are continually afflicted, may mercifully be relieved by the Passion of Thine only-begotten Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, **Is. 62, 11; 63, 1—7.** ***Gospel,*** **Luke 22, 1—23; 23, 42,** ***or*** **THE PASSION HISTORY.**

THURSDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

The INTROIT *is the same as for Tuesday.*

COLLECTS.

O Lord God, who hast left unto us in a wonderful Sacrament a memorial of Thy Passion, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so use this Sacrament of Thy body and blood that the fruits of Thy redemption may continually be manifest in us; Thou, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Gracious God, Heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, Thou hast for our good instituted the blessed Sacrament of the Holy Supper, wherein under the consecrated bread and wine He truly gives us His body to eat and His blood to drink for the forgiveness of our sins; and we beseech Thee, grant us Thy grace that we may at all times be truly worthy and well prepared to receive this gift, and order our lives aright, until we shall finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) We thank Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of all men, that Thou hast given Thyself into death for us to make atonement for our sins, and hast also left us an example of mutual service by humbly washing Thy disciples' feet; and we heartily beseech Thee, govern and direct our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that we may in true faith firmly cling to Thee as our Savior, faithfully serve our neighbor with works of love, and obtain eternal salvation through Thy merit, who livest and reignest, etc.

Epistle, 1 Cor. 11, 23—32. *Gospel,* John 13, 1—15, *or* THE PASSION HISTORY.

GOOD FRIDAY.

The same INTROIT *as for Tuesday, or this:*

Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.

All we like sheep have gone astray: and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Ps. Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my cry come unto Thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us, etc.

Collects.

Almighty God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Merciful and everlasting God, who hast not spared Thine only Son, but delivered Him up for us all, that He might bear our sins upon the cross: grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast willed that Thy Son should bear for us the pains of the cross, that Thou mightest remove from us the power of the adversary: help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may obtain remission of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O Lord, our Savior, we praise and bless Thee that Thou wast obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, and, having finished all, art become our Mediator and Redeemer; and we beseech Thee, grant that by Thy death we may be crucified unto the world, and henceforth live not unto ourselves, but unto Thee, who didst die for us, and who livest and reignest, etc.

Merciful God, Heavenly Father, we give Thee most hearty thanks that Thou hast removed from us the grievous burden of our sins and placed it upon Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; and we humbly beseech Thee, govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may comfort ourselves with His suffering and death in the face of all temptation, diligently guard against sin and an evil conscience, and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Merciful God and Father, who didst give Thy Son into death and the grave for our sins, we beseech Thee, enable us also to die unto sin and to bury the lusts of the flesh, that our lives may be holy in Christ, our death transformed by His death into sweet sleep, our graves hallowed by His rest in the grave, and we may finally rise again unto eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

O righteous and holy God, who hast manifested toward us Thine unfathomable love in not sparing Thine own Son, but delivering Him up for us all: by the memory of His bitter death, by the awful mystery of His sorrows in the garden and upon the cross, we humbly beseech Thee to have mercy upon us and upon all men, and to make known Thy saving health among the nations, that He may see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

***Epistle,* Is. 52, 13—53, 12. *Gospel,* John 18, 1—19, 42, *or* THE PASSION HISTORY.**

OTHER COLLECTS FOR THE SEASON OF LENT.

O Jesus Christ, Thou Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Thee didst endure the cross, despising the shame: we thank and praise Thee for Thy unspeakable love, which did move Thee to do battle in our stead, and to gain such a glorious victory for us, Thy spiritual Israel. Enlighten our eyes, we pray Thee, that we may behold the mysteries of the suffering of Thy holy soul wherein Thou didst win our cause before the tribunal of supreme Justice. Let our thoughts draw near unto the infinite fervor of Thy love, that our hearts may thereby be enkindled with fervent love towards Thee, our precious Redeemer. Hear us, we pray Thee, for Thine infinite love's sake. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, our merciful Savior, grant, we beseech Thee, that our souls may be profited by devout meditation on Thy holy Passion. Fill our hearts with Thy Holy Spirit, that, like Mary of Bethany, we may with a humble and contrite heart seek and find comfort in Thy love, and present to Thee as an acceptable offering the willing service of our lives, renouncing the world, and, following Thy footsteps, bearing patiently all our crosses. Bless us through the remembrance of Thy Passion, for Thy holy name's sake. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou only Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, who didst suffer for us, and didst bear our sins in Thine own body on the tree: we give Thee hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and mercy, and most humbly beseech Thee to grant that with Thy stripes we may be healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; but do Thou turn us again to Thee, and impart Thy grace to us, that, being dead to sins, we may live unto righteousness, and evermore serve Thee, who livest, etc.

O Thou faithful Savior, who of Thine infinite love didst condescend to walk the way of the cross and to atone for the sin of all mankind, we beseech Thee, give us grace to remember always in true faith what Thou hast done for us; give us also willingness and strength to follow Thee upon the way that leads through the thorns of sufferings and griefs to eternal happiness, and be our Guide through the dark valley of the shadow of death. Lord, have mercy upon us! *Amen.*

O dearest Savior, we thank Thee for the sorrow, anguish, and heaviness which Thou, the Power of the Most High, even the Creator and Preserver of all things, didst suffer to come upon Thee to redeem and save us from everlasting fear and torment; and we beseech Thee, let us enjoy the benefits of Thy sorrow and anguish all the days of our life, especially in the hour of death, that we may go hence in peace and without fear by steadfast faith in Thee, who livest, etc.

O blessed Redeemer, we thank Thee that Thou didst deign to feel our burden, to be made like unto us in all things, and to be tempted even as we are, save without sin. We thank Thee for Thy deep humiliation in prayer, whereby Thou didst expiate our pride, and set us an example of true humility and self-denial. Be with us, we beseech Thee, in the hour of temptation, and teach us to pray, that we may overcome the Tempter, and obtain the victory in Thy power, who livest, etc.

O Thou most adorable Savior, our merciful High Priest, we thank Thee that Thou didst atone for our rebellion against the holy will of God by offering up unto Thy heavenly Father Thy holy, innocent will; and we beseech Thee, so govern and direct our wills, by virtue of Thy great atoning sacrifice and through the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that in childlike obedience we may gladly do the will of Thy heavenly Father. Do this, we pray Thee, for Thine own sake. *Amen.*

O Thou faithful Savior, who as a loving Shepherd dost tenderly watch over Thy sheep, we beseech Thee, keep Thine eyes upon us when we are in danger of waxing secure and careless, make us to see the weakness and helplessness of the flesh, and warn us to watch and to pray, that we may not put our trust in ourselves, but in fervent prayer call for help on Thee, who livest, etc.

O Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true Man, who didst

take upon Thee the sin of the world and in the Garden didst sweat blood, we give Thee hearty thanks for Thy grace and for all Thou didst do and suffer for our redemption; and we beseech Thee, grant that by the gracious operation of Thy Holy Spirit we may in every temptation comfort ourselves with Thy bitter sufferings and death, and that we may learn to abhor and to shun sin, and all our days to serve Thee, who livest, etc.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou innocent Lamb of God, who before the Council wast falsely accused, spat upon, mocked, buffeted, and sentenced to death as a blasphemer and a deceiver of the people: we beseech Thee, show us the salvation that is in Thy merit, and look upon us in mercy as Thou didst look upon Peter, that, sincerely repenting of our sin, we may obtain by faith the comfort of forgiveness, and at the end be found acceptable in Thy sight, who livest, etc.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Son of the Most High, who before Pontius Pilate didst witness a good confession, and, though innocent, wast mocked, crowned with thorns, and sentenced to die for our sakes: we beseech Thee, enable us in true faith to appropriate to ourselves Thy holy merit, to endure enmity and reproach with a meek and gracious spirit, to confess Thy holy name before all men, and to find both here and hereafter rest and peace in Thee, who livest, etc.

Our loving Savior and Redeemer, who didst not only plead the cause of mankind before the tribunal of supreme Justice, and wast by Thy Father stricken, smitten, and afflicted for our sins, but didst also willingly give Thyself over into the cruel hands of men, permitting them to take, bind, and abuse Thee: enlighten our eyes to see the wonders of Thy love, patience, and meekness in Thy sufferings, that we may acknowledge Thee the Lamb of God which hath taken away our sins, accept Thy merits by faith, and willingly follow Thee in all our trials. Do this, we pray Thee, blessed Savior, for Thy name's sake. *Amen.*

O Christ, Thou faithful and living Savior, we thank Thee that Thou didst permit Thyself to be brought before the judgment-seat of men, in order that we might be free from the judgment of God. We pray Thee, grant that we be not offended at Thee and Thy blessed cross, but rather draw consolation and strength in all trials and tribulations from the precious truth

that Thou didst suffer all these indignities for us, that we might be crowned with honor and glory in the sight of God. Grant this, we pray Thee, for the sake of Thy holy Passion. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou innocent Lamb of God, who didst carry Thy cross and upon it the burden of our sin and sorrow, we beseech Thee, enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to comfort ourselves at all times in true faith with Thy perfect satisfaction for our sins, to praise and glorify Thee for Thy unspeakable love, and to bear our cross after Thee with patience and humility, that, having suffered with Thee, we may also by Thy mercy be raised with Thee to everlasting glory, who livest, etc.

O Lord Jesus Christ, we give Thee thanks that through death Thou hast destroyed him that had the power of death, that is, the devil, and delivered us, who through fear of death were all our lifetime subject to bondage; and we beseech Thee, grant us Thy grace that, as our old man is crucified with Thee, we may henceforth not serve sin, but, being risen with Thee, walk in newness of life. Assist us in our last hour, and comfort us with Thy precious merit, Thou, who hast redeemed us, O Lord God of truth. *Amen.*

O gracious God, who retainest not Thine anger forever, but delightest in mercy and pardonest iniquity, who wouldst be gracious to Thy people rather than pour out Thy wrath upon sinners: we beseech Thee, forgive us all our sins, and enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to go and sin no more; for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

EASTER.

INTROIT.

When I awake, I am still with Thee. Hallelujah!: Thou hast laid Thine hand upon me. Hallelujah!

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me: Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

or:

He is risen, Hallelujah!: Why seek ye the Living among the dead? Hallelujah!

Remember how He spake unto you, Hallelujah!: The Son of Man must be crucified, and the third day rise again. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. Thou crownedst Him with glory and honor: Thou madest Him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

The Collect for Easter Eve.

O God, who didst enlighten this most holy night with the glory of the Lord's Resurrection, preserve in all Thy people the spirit of adoption which Thou hast given, so that, renewed in body and soul, they may perform unto Thee a pure service; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Collect for Easter Day.

Almighty God, who, through Thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, we humbly beseech Thee, that, as Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Other Easter Collects.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who celebrate Thy Paschal Feast, kindled with heavenly desires, may ever thirst for the Fountain of Life, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who celebrate the solemnities of the Lord's Resurrection, may by the renewal of Thy Holy Spirit rise again from the death of the soul; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Merciful God, Heavenly Father, we give Thee most hearty thanks that Thou hast raised up Thy Son from the dead, and from His tomb caused the light of eternal life to shine upon the world; and we beseech Thee, at this season of solemn joy shed abroad in our hearts Thy Holy Spirit, that we may with joyous faith embrace the atonement made for our sins, and be enabled to put away more and more the leaven of malice

and wickedness, and to serve Thee in pureness of living and holiness of heart in the fervent hope of life and glory everlasting: through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Almighty God, who by the death of Thy Son hast overcome sin and death, and by His resurrection hast restored innocence and everlasting life, to the end that we, being delivered from the power of the devil, should live in Thy kingdom: grant that with our whole hearts we may confidently believe this, and in such faith ever thank and praise Thee: through the same Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Almighty God, who through the resurrection of Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, replenish us, we beseech Thee, with Thy heavenly grace, that, dying unto sin always, and living unto righteousness, we may at last triumph over death and the grave, in the full image, of our risen Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, 1 Cor. 5, 6—8. *Gospel,* Mark 16, 1—8.

EASTER MONDAY.

The INTROIT *and the* COLLECTS *are the same as for Easter Day.*

Epistle, Acts 10, 34—41. *Gospel,* Luke 24, 13—35.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (QUASIMODOGENITI).

INTROIT.

As new-born babes: desire the sincere milk of the Word.

Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto Me.

Ps. Sing aloud unto God, our Strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we, who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's Resurrection, may, by the help of Thy grace, bring forth the fruits thereof in our life and conversation; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty and everlasting God, who by the death and

resurrection of Jesus Christ hast overcome the world and the prince of this world, we humbly beseech Thee, create in us by Thy Holy Spirit true faith in Thy Son and, through faith, newness of life, that in the power of Thy might we also may overcome the world, and at all times have in ourselves the witness of Thy grace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 58.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, we thank Thee that Thou hast bestowed upon all true believers the power to absolve one another from their sins in Thy name, and to this end hast in particular established the ministry of reconciliation; and we beseech Thee, give us grace that we may not from pride and self-righteousness despise Thy comforting ordinance, but, recognizing therein Thy love to us, may use it for the comfort and salvation of our souls, and by sincere amendment of our lives continually thank Thee, who livest, etc.

***Epistle,* 1 John 5, 4—12. *Gospel,* John 20, 19—31.**

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (MISERICORDIAS).

Introit.

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord: By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made.

Ps. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

God, who, by the humiliation of Thy Son, didst raise up the fallen world, grant unto Thy faithful ones perpetual gladness, and those whom Thou hast delivered from the danger of everlasting death, do Thou make partakers of eternal joys; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O God, who didst will Thine only-begotten Son to learn obedience by the things which He suffered, that, being thus made perfect, He might become the Author of eternal salvation unto all that obey Him: work in us, we beseech Thee, such inward conformity with His holy patience as may cause us to have part also in His glorious power, that so, walking not

after the flesh, but after the Spirit, we may be able to serve Thee all our days in newness of mind and life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

O God, who, of Thine abundant mercy, hast begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, let Thy great love constrain us, we beseech Thee, to rise up, forsake all, and follow Him, that, as we have been redeemed by His blood, so we may walk also in the light of His holy example, and be joined to Him evermore as the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

(G.) Thou good and faithful Shepherd, Jesus Christ, who, of Thy infinite love, didst lay down Thy life for the sheep, we give Thee praise and glory for this Thy unspeakable grace and mercy; and we beseech Thee, feed us upon the pleasant pastures of Thy Word, give us to drink of the waters of salvation, and guide us by Thy Holy Spirit, that, as Thou knowest us, and dost continually minister to our need, even so we also may know Thee, gladly hear Thy voice, and follow Thee, and by Thee be delivered from all our foes, until the whole flock shall be gathered in heaven about Thee, who livest, etc.

***Epistle,* 1 Pet. 2, 21—25. *Gospel,* John 10, 11—16.**

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (JUBILATE).

INTROIT.

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.

Ps. Say unto God, How terrible art Thou in Thy works: through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Almighty God, who showest to them that be in error the light of Thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness, grant unto all of them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty and eternal God, who dost bid us walk as pilgrims and strangers in this passing world, seeking that abiding city which Thou hast prepared for us in heaven, we pray Thee so to govern our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that we, avoiding all fleshly lusts, which war against the soul, and being quietly obedient to the rule which Thou hast set over us, may show forth Thy glory before the world by our good works; for Jesus Christ's sake, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Merciful God, faithful Father, who chastenest all whom Thou lovest, that they may not be condemned with the wicked, we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst comfort us in our afflictions with Thy Word and Holy Spirit, that by patience we may overcome the miseries of this present world, in the firm and joyful hope that Thou wilt speedily turn our sorrow into joy and glory everlasting; for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, **1 Pet. 2, 11—20.** ***Gospel,*** **John 16, 16—23.**

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (CANTATE).

Introit.

O sing unto the Lord a new song: for He hath done marvelous things.

The Lord hath made known His salvation: His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

Ps. His right hand and His holy arm: hath gotten Him the victory.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

O God, who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will, grant unto Thy people that they may love what Thou commandest, and desire what Thou dost promise, that among the manifold changes of this world our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O God, the Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, and who art Thyself the only satisfying portion of the souls which Thou hast made, grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to raise our thoughts and affections from

earth to heaven and to desire continually Thy presence, that so, in the midst of all worldly vanity and change, our hearts may surely there be fixed where alone are to be found true joys and everlasting peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 4.

***Epistle,* Jas. 1, 16—21. *Gospel,* John 16, 5—15.**

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (ROGATE).

Introit.

With the voice of singing declare ye, and tell this: utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah!

The Lord hath redeemed His servant Jacob: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

O God, from whom all good things do come, grant to us, Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be right, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O holy, righteous, and gracious God, who hast sounded in our ears Thy divine and saving oracles, enlighten the souls of us sinners, that we may be not only hearers, but also doers of Thy Word, growing in faith unfeigned and blameless conduct unto life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Lord God, our Heavenly Father, who by Thy Son hast promised to give us whatsoever we shall ask in His name, we beseech Thee, grant us the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may make known our requests unto Thee in faithful prayer, and desire of Thee that which is well-pleasing to Thee and profitable for us, lifting up holy hands without wrath or doubting, and being firmly assured that Thou wilt hear our prayer; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***See Collects and Prayers,* Nos. 75, 76, 77.**

***Epistle,* Jas. 1, 22—27. *Gospel,* John 16, 23—30.**

ASCENSION DAY.

INTROIT.

Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?: Hallelujah!

This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. O clap your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that, like as we do believe Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens, so we also in heart and mind may thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty, everlasting God, make us to have always a devout will towards Thee, and to serve Thy Majesty with a pure heart; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty God, who hast raised up Thy dear Son from the lowliness of His earthly state to Thy right hand in the heavens, grant that, as we do joyfully believe and this day celebrate His Ascension, so we may even in this present world live in heavenly things, seeking only the things which are eternal, that we may in the end be made partakers of the glory of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Son of the Most High, who no longer dwellest on earth in lowliness and poverty, but art seated at the right hand of the Father, a mighty Lord over all things in heaven and on earth, filling and ruling all: we beseech Thee, send us Thy Holy Spirit, give us faithful ministers, endow them with Thy gifts and keep them in Thy Word, hinder Satan and all tyrants, and mightily protect Thy kingdom on earth, until all enemies are laid at Thy feet, and we overcome sin, death, and all things by Thee, who livest and reignest, etc.

Epistle, **Acts 1, 1—11.** ***Gospel,*** **Mark 16, 14—20.**

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION (EXAUDI).

INTROIT.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: Hallelujah!

When Thou saidst, Seek ye My face; my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek: Hide not Thy face from me. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. The Lord is my Light and my Salvation: whom shall I fear?

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

O King of Glory, Lord of Hosts, who didst ascend in triumph far above all heavens, we beseech Thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us the Spirit of Truth, promised of the Father; O Thou, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Lord God, Heavenly Father, who hast made us stewards of Thy manifold gifts, and alone givest ability for every duty, we beseech Thee, forgive us all that we have done amiss, and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that our love may be fervent, and we may faithfully minister our gifts one to another, and continually increase in temperance and godliness, to the end that in all things Thou mayest be glorified, and we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 3.

***Epistle,* 1 Pet. 4, 7—11. *Gospel;* John 15, 26—16, 4.**

WHITSUNDAY.

INTROIT.

The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: Hallelujah!

Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Ps. Let God arise; let His enemies be scattered: let them also that hate Him flee before Him.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

O God, who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and

evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) God of all peace and consolation, who didst gloriously fulfil the great promise of the Gospel by sending down Thy Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost to establish the Church as the home of His continual presence and power among men: mercifully grant unto us, we beseech Thee, this same gift of Thy Spirit, to renew, enlighten, refresh, and sanctify our dying souls, to be over us and around us like the light and dew of heaven, and to be in us evermore as a well of water springing up into everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

(G.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 4.

Epistle, **Acts 2, 1—13.** ***Gospel;*** **John 14, 23—31.**

MONDAY IN WHITSUN-WEEK.

The* INTROIT *is the same as for Whitsunday.

COLLECTS.

O God, who didst give Thy Holy Spirit to Thine Apostles, grant unto Thy people the performance of their petitions, so that on us, to whom Thou hast given faith, Thou mayest also bestow peace; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Most glorious and blessed God, who, through the Holy Ghost, hast made Thy one Christian Church to be the Body of Christ, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all: we humbly beseech Thee to grant unto us, and unto all Thy people, such strong and steadfast faith in this mystery of grace, that, being safely defended from all heresy and schism, we may ever abide in the unity of the Spirit, and so grow up into Him in all things who is the Head, even Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, be all honor and praise, world without end. *Amen.*

(G.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 5.

Epistle, **Acts 10, 42—48.** ***Gospel,*** **John 3, 16—21.**

THE FESTIVAL OF THE TRINITY.

INTROIT.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity: Let us give glory to Him because He hath shown His mercy to us.

Ps. O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Or,

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts: of Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things.

Ps. O Lord, our Lord: how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us, Thy servants, grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the Eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty and everlasting God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we give Thee most hearty thanks that Thou hast vouchsafed unto us a clear and abundant revelation of Thy being and purpose; and we beseech Thee, give us grace to acknowledge, honor, and praise Thee as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, who livest and reignest, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(G.) O God, the Creator and Savior of the world, who hast made Thyself known in the work of man's redemption, as the mystery of the ever adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Three in One and One in Three: reveal in us, we beseech Thee, the full power of this faith, into which we have been planted by Baptism, that, being born of water and of the Spirit, we may by a life of holiness be formed into Thine image here, and rise to Thy blissful presence hereafter, there to join, with the song of the seraphim, in praising Thee, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God who hast taught us to know and to confess in true faith that in three persons of equal power and glory Thou art one true and everlasting God and to be worshiped as such: we beseech Thee, keep us at all times steadfast in this faith against whatsoever may assail us, O Thou, who livest and reignest, ever, one true God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, **Rom. 11, 33—36.** ***Gospel,*** **John 3, 1—15.**

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

O Lord, I have trusted in Thy mercy: my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

I will sing unto the Lord: because He hath dealt bountifully with me.

Ps. How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord?: How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

O God, the Strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O gracious Father, God of love, who, loving us from everlasting, gavest Thy Son into death for us when we were enemies, and desirest us to know the love Thou hast to us, and on our part to love Thee and our neighbor: we beseech Thee, remove from our hearts tormenting fear, and fill them with childlike faith and trust in Thee, cleanse us also from hatred and ill-will, incline us to render one to another kindly dispositions and services of love, and grant us at the last boldness in the Day of Judgment; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Help us, O Lord, that we may not despair in the day of want and trouble, nor in the day of plenty abuse Thy gifts or set our hearts upon things temporal, but in true faith and

love wait patiently for another life, which, when all earthly griefs are past, Thou wilt give to all that believe in Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* 1 John 4, 16—21. *Gospel,* Luke 16, 19—31.**

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

The Lord was my Stay; He brought me forth also into a large place: He delivered me, because He delighted in me.

Ps. I will love Thee, O Lord, my Strength: The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern those whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast fear and love, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 1.

(G.) Almighty and everlasting God, the Source of all life and joy, who, by the glad sound of the Gospel, hast called us to have part in Thy kingdom and glory: shine into our hearts, we beseech Thee, by Thy Word and Spirit, and draw us with the cords of Thy constraining grace, that we may heartily choose that good part which shall not be taken away from us, and give all diligence to make our calling and election sure; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* 1 John 3, 13—18. *Gospel,* Luke 14, 16—24.**

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain: and forgive all my sins.

Ps. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul: O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

O God, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy, that, Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O God, the Lord, strong to deliver and mighty to save, who hast been the Refuge and Dwelling-place of Thy people in all generations, fulfil and perfect in us, we beseech Thee, the work of Thy grace, and be pleased to confirm us in every good purpose and deed, that, having been called into the way of righteousness, we may have power to continue steadfastly in the same until the day of Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and praise, world without end. *Amen.*

(G.) O gracious Lord Jesus Christ, who camest into the world to seek and to save that which was lost, and art not ashamed of the company of sinners, we thank Thee for Thy goodness, and beseech Thee, grant that we may daily be found walking in sincere repentance, and there be joy in heaven over every sinner that repenteth; for Thy name's sake, who livest and reignest, etc.

***Epistle,* 1 Pet. 5, 6—11. *Gospel,* Luke 15, 1—10.**

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation, whom shall I fear?: The Lord is the Strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me: they stumbled and fell.

Ps. Though an host should encamp against me: my heart shall not fear.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with

Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O God, whose favor is life, and in whose presence there is fulness of peace and joy, vouchsafe unto us, we beseech Thee, such an abiding sense of the reality and glory of those things which Thou hast prepared for those that love Thee as may serve to raise us above the vanity of this present world, both in its pleasure and in its necessary trials and pains, that under Thy guidance and help all things here shall work together for our everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

O God, by whose wise and righteous order the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now, as having been made subject to vanity by reason of sin: graciously help the infirmities of Thy people, we humbly beseech Thee, and raise them up through the strong power of Christian hope, that we also, who have received the first-fruits of the Spirit, may not seek our rest in this mortal state, but inwardly long after that which is far better, to be with Christ in heaven, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Merciful God and Father, who makest Thy sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and art kind unto the unthankful, teach us by Thy Holy Spirit, we beseech Thee, to have compassion on all men, covering our neighbor's frailties and faults, being always ready to forgive, and showing forth everywhere the fruits of faith; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, **Rom. 8, 18—23.** ***Gospel,*** **Luke 6, 36—42.**

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: Thou hast been my Help.

Leave me not, neither forsake me: O God of my salvation.

Ps. The Lord is my Light and my Salvation: whom shall I fear?

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

O God, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward Thee that we, loving Thee above all things,

may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Cause Thy Church to arise and shine, O Lord, and let her ministers be clothed with righteousness and salvation, that Thy Word which is in their hands may not return unto Thee void, but have free course and be glorified in the world, prospering in the thing whereunto Thou hast sent it, and prevailing mightily to turn men from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith that is in Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

(G.) Almighty God, Heavenly Father, without whose aid and blessing all our labors are in vain, regard, we beseech Thee, Thy goodness and our need, and bless us, that in Thy name and with firm trust in Thee we may patiently and cheerfully labor in our calling, honor Thy Word, and evermore praise Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* 1 Pet. 3, 8—15. *Gospel,* Luke 5, 1—11.**

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

The Lord is the Strength of His people: He is the saving Strength of His anointed.

Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up forever.

Ps. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord, my Rock; be not silent unto me: lest, if Thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Lord of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with

Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty and everlasting God, through whose mercy we are saved by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, let this grace reign in us, we beseech Thee, as the power of a new heavenly life, whereby, denying ungodliness and worldliness, we may live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world, looking for the glorious appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

(G.) O Lord God, enter not into judgment with us, who have not from the heart kept Thy commandments, but regard the precious merit of Thy dear Son, and let us ever be partakers of His righteousness. Enable us also by Thy Holy Spirit to walk in Thy fear, true faith, and holiness of living, and to beware of pride and security, that we may not be cast into everlasting prison, but enter into Thy eternal kingdom; through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* Rom. 6, 3—11. *Gospel,* Matt. 5, 20—26.**

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

O clap your hands, all ye people: Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Ps. He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly beseech Thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O almighty God, Heavenly Father, whom to know

is everlasting life, whose service is perfect freedom, enable us by Thy grace, we beseech Thee, to take upon us willingly Thy easy yoke, and to yield all our members servants to righteousness, that we may render unto Thee filial obedience, under the perfect law of liberty, and may after this present life obtain the eternal inheritance in glory; through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 43.

***Epistle,* Rom. 6, 19—23. *Gospel,* Mark 8, 1—9.**

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

We have thought of Thy loving-kindness, O God: in the midst of Thy Temple.

According to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth: Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Ps. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, Thy Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty and everlasting God, who of Thine infinite mercy hast made us Thy children by faith in Thy dear Son, and through Him hast begotten us again unto a lively hope, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us: we beseech Thee, put into our hearts the Spirit of Thy Son, that He may even now enable us to cry, Abba, Father, and make us blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ; through the same Thy Son, who liveth, etc.

(G.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 16.

***Epistle,* Rom. 8, 12—17. *Gospel,* Matt. 7, 15—23.**

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

Behold, God is mine Helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in Thy truth, O Lord.

Ps. Save me, O God, by Thy name: and judge me by Thy strength.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O Thou great Shepherd of Israel, who, by Thine outstretched arm, didst bring Thy people of old out of the land of Egypt and the house of bondage, guiding them safely through the wilderness to the Promised Land: we pray Thee to deliver us from the bondage and slavery of our sins, and so lead us through the wilderness of this world, feeding us with bread from heaven and with water out of the smitten rock, and uphold us amidst the swellings of Jordan, that we may enter at last into that rest which remaineth for Thy faithful people; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Lord God, Heavenly Father, who hast appointed us all as Thy stewards, grant that we may not waste the goods entrusted to us, but rightly employ them, and with our temporal things make to ourselves friends, that we may be received into everlasting habitations; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, **1 Cor. 10, 6—13.** ***Gospel,*** **Luke 16, 1—9.**

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

As for me, I will call upon God; and He shall hear my voice: He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me.

God shall hear and afflict them; even He that abideth of old: Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee.

Ps. Give ear to my prayer, O God: and hide not Thyself from my supplication.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

O God, who declarest Thine almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity, mercifully grant unto us such a measure of Thy grace that we, running the way of Thy commandments, may obtain Thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of Thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 48.

(G.) Merciful God, Heavenly Father, we heartily beseech Thee, Thou wouldst so govern us by Thy Holy Spirit that we may not neglect the time of Thy gracious visitation, nor by impenitence fall into temporal and eternal punishment, but in this our day lay hold on the things that make for salvation and everlasting peace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* 1 Cor. 12, 1—11. *Gospel,* Luke 19, 41—48.**

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

God is in His holy habitation, He is God who setteth the solitary in families: The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people.

Ps. Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered: let them also that hate Him flee before Him.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son,

our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty God, who hast brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the glorious Prince of Salvation, with everlasting victory over hell and the grave, grant unto us power, we beseech Thee, to rise with Him to newness of life, that we may overcome the world with the victory of faith, and have part at last in the resurrection of the just; through the merits of this same risen Savior, who liveth, etc.

(G.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 70.

***Epistle,* 1 Cor. 15, 1—10. *Gospel,* Luke 18, 9—14.**

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me: make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let them be ashamed and confounded: that seek after my soul.

Ps. Let them be turned backward, and put to confusion: that desire my hurt.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so faithfully serve Thee in this life that we fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty and everlasting God, who, according to Thy unspeakable mercy in Thy dear Son, hast called us to the new testament, not of the letter, but of the spirit, we beseech Thee, remove the veil from our eyes, that we may behold the glory of Thy Gospel; and grant that we all, beholding as in a glass Thy glory, may be changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) O Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who by Thy almighty Word didst make the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak, we

draw nigh unto Thee in all our bodily and spiritual needs, for there is none to help us save Thou alone; and we humbly beseech Thee, touch with Thy divine power our diseased members and our diseased heart, open our ears to hear Thy Word, loose our tongues to speak righteousness, and fill our hearts with the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that, beholding the wonders of Thy grace, we may confess Thy name before men, and praise and glorify Thee, who doest all things well, and who livest, etc.

Epistle, **2 Cor. 3, 4—11.** ***Gospel,*** **Mark 7, 31—37.**

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

Have respect, O Lord, unto Thy covenant: O let not the oppressed return ashamed.

Arise, O God, plead Thine own cause: and forget not the voice of Thine enemies.

Ps. O God, why hast Thou cast us off forever?: Why doth Thine anger smoke against the sheep of Thy pasture?

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty and everlasting God, whose faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds, and whose mercy endureth forever, be pleased to confirm and fulfil in us, we humbly beseech Thee, the covenant of Thy grace, made sure from the beginning of the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord, that we may be found in Him, not having our own righteousness, which is of the Law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, even the righteousness of God, which is by faith in Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

(G.) O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Samaritan and only Mediator, who, seeing us in our guilt and blood, didst have pity upon us, and of Thy infinite mercy didst give Thy inno-

cent blood in payment for our sins that we might live, we humbly thank and praise Thee, that Thou hast saved us from destruction, and by Thy holy Word hast brought us to the saving knowledge of Thee, our only Savior and Redeemer; and we beseech Thee, enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to love Thee, the true God, with our whole heart and our neighbor as ourselves, that we may show mercy on all men in their need, bind up their wounds with tender care, and ever in this evil world follow Thy example of love and service, who livest, etc.

See Collects and Prayers, No. 64.

Epistle, Gal. 3, 15—22. *Gospel*, Luke 10, 23—37.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

Behold, O God, our Shield, and look upon the face of Thine anointed: For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

Ps. How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts: My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Keep, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy; and because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O God, who hast delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of Thy dear Son, in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins, enable us by Thy grace, we earnestly beseech Thee, so to walk in the Spirit that we may not fulfil the lusts of the flesh, but bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, considering ourselves to be dead henceforth unto sin, but alive unto God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Lord God, Heavenly Father, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast delivered us through Thy Word and Holy Baptism from the dread leprosy of sin, and art pleased daily to manifest

Thy gracious help in our every need, we beseech Thee, awaken our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may never be unmindful of Thy benefits, but ever live in Thy fear and perfect trust in Thy mercy, and with a joyous heart thank and praise Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, **Gal. 5, 16—24.** ***Gospel,*** **Luke 17, 11—19.**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me: O Thou, my God, save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee.

Be merciful to me, O Lord: for I cry unto Thee daily.

Ps. Rejoice the soul of Thy servant: for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succor, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O God, our Father in heaven, in whose presence there is fulness of joy, and at whose right hand there are pleasures forevermore, mercifully fix our hearts on things above, and free them from all undue care and thought for the things of the present transitory world, that, whilst we are here in the body, we may sow, not to the flesh, but to the Spirit, and in the end reap life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast given us body and soul, and hitherto bountifully provided for us all the necessaries of life; and we beseech Thee, strengthen, confirm, and uphold our faith, that, trusting fully in Thee, and seeking before all things Thy kingdom, we may avoid all undue anxiety and greed of the Gentiles, and by Thy grace overcome every affliction; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, **Gal. 5, 25—6, 10.** ***Gospel,*** **Matt. 6, 24—34.**

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto Thee daily.

For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive: and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Ps. Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Lord, we pray Thee that Thy grace may always go before and follow after us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, we beseech Thee, according to the riches of Thy glory, to strengthen us with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, that so, being rooted and grounded in love, we may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and the length, and the depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, who liveth, etc.

(G.) *See Collects and Prayers,* Nos. 33 and 34.

Epistle, **Eph. 3, 13—21.** ***Gospel,*** **Luke 7, 11—17.**

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

Righteous art Thou, O Lord, and upright are Thy judgments: Deal with Thy servant according to Thy mercy.

Ps. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the Law of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Lord, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we praise Thee for Thy goodness and mercy toward us, and beseech Thee, pardon and amend what is amiss in us; help us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; enable us more and more to serve Thee with all lowliness and meekness and brotherly love, by holy, unblamable, and useful lives; and, amid all the vanity of this present world, keep us united, by a living faith and by the power of the eternal Spirit, unto Him who is the Resurrection and the Life, that we may escape the bitter pains of eternal death, and receive the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Lord God, Heavenly Father, we pray Thee so to govern and guide us by Thy Holy Spirit that we may with all our heart hear and receive Thy Word, and truly sanctify the Lord's Day, to the end that we may, in turn, be sanctified by Thy Word, that we may rest all our confidence and hope on Jesus Christ, Thy Son, amend our lives in accordance with Thy Word, and avoid every offense, until we shall, by Thy grace in Christ, be saved forever through the same, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* Eph. 4, 1—6. *Gospel,* Luke 14, 1—11.**

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

Reward them that wait for Thee, O Lord: and let Thy prophets be found faithful.

Hear the prayer of Thy servants: and of Thy people Israel.

Ps. I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

O God, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee, mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Lord God, Heavenly Father, we give Thee most hearty thanks for Thy grace which is given us by Jesus Christ,

Thy Son, that in everything we are enriched by Him in all utterance and in all knowledge, so that we come behind in no gift; and we heartily beseech Thee Thou wouldst confirm and keep us in this knowledge unto the end, that we may wait with joy for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and on that day be found blameless, and be counted worthy to inherit life everlasting; through the same Thy Son, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who hast given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness through the glorious revelation of the Gospel, cause Thy Word to dwell in us richly, we beseech Thee, and fill us with the knowledge of Thy will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that we may know our sin, and Thy Son as the Savior from sin, and may walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, **1 Cor. 1, 4—9.** ***Gospel,*** **Matt. 22, 34—46.**

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

Say unto my soul, I am Thy salvation: The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth;

He delivereth them out of their troubles: He is their God forever and ever.

Ps. Give ear, O My people, to My Law: incline your ears to the words of My mouth.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

O almighty and most merciful God, of Thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready, both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldst have done; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 65.

(G.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 6.

Epistle, **Eph. 4, 22—28.** ***Gospel,*** **Matt. 9, 1—8.**

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

The Lord, our God, is righteous in all His works which He doeth: for we obeyed not His voice.

Give glory to Thy name, O Lord: and deal with us according to the multitude of Thy mercies.

Ps. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O holy and righteous God, who hast not appointed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, and given us our allotted season of grace: we beseech Thee, because the days are evil, and through the weakness of our mortal nature we are easily misled, impart to us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may redeem the time, accept Christ in His Word as our only Savior, walk soberly and circumspectly in this present world, give Thee praise and thanks always, and obtain at last the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that, all things being prepared for our salvation, Thou didst call us to the marriage-feast of Thy dear Son, the Bridegroom of our souls; and we beseech Thee, cleanse and direct our hearts, that we may not reject Thy gracious invitation, but willingly follow Thy Word and, being clothed by faith with the garment of righteousness, obtain eternal life with all Thy elect; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* Eph. 5, 15—21. *Gospel,* Matt. 22, 1—14.**

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

The whole world is in Thy power, O Lord, King Almighty: there is no man that can gainsay Thee.

For Thou hast made heaven and earth, and all the wondrous things under the heaven: Thou art Lord of all.

Ps. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the Law of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

Lord, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household, the Church, in continual godliness, that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty and most merciful God, whose name is a strong tower, into which the righteous runneth and is safe, lift up the standard of Thy Spirit, we beseech Thee, against the power of the enemy coming in upon us like a flood, and clothe us with the full armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, that we may be able to fight manfully the good fight of faith, and so finish our course with joy, in the great day when Christ, the righteous Judge, shall appear, who liveth, etc.

(G.) *See Collects and Prayers,* No. 6.

***Epistle,* Eph. 6, 10—17. *Gospel,* John 4, 46—54.**

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with Thee: that Thou mayest be feared, O God of Israel.

Ps. Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

O God, our Refuge and Strength, who art the Author of all godliness, be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ,

Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty and most merciful God, Heavenly Father, we give Thee praise and thanks that Thou hast called, enlightened, and sanctified us by the Gospel; and we beseech Thee, increase in us the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, and graciously continue and perform the good work which Thou hast begun in us, that we may not fall away from Thee and Thy holy Word, but abound more and more in knowledge and in all judgment, approve things that are excellent, and be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

(G.) Almighty God, we thank Thee that for Thy Son's sake Thou hast forgiven us all our debt and graciously delivered us from the everlasting prison-house, and we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit preserve our hearts from ingratitude and wickedness, that we may not again provoke Thine anger against us, but gladly forgive our debtors, and at all times be assured of Thy fatherly mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* Phil. 1, 3—11. *Gospel,* Matt. 18, 23—35.**

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord: thoughts of peace, and not of evil.

Then shall ye call upon Me, and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you: and I will turn your captivity, and gather you from all nations and from all places.

Ps. Lord, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land: Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offenses, that from the bonds of our sins, which, by reason of our frailty, we have brought upon us, we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our

Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O God, to whom both power and mercy belong, and who renderest to every man according to His work, give us grace, we beseech Thee, to set Thy presence before us in all our ways, and to seek continually those things which are well-pleasing in Thy sight, that we may pass through the world as pilgrims and strangers, in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for, and hastening unto, the second coming of the Lord Jesus in glory, who liveth, etc.

(G.) O Lord, almighty God, who dost establish and sustain all civil authority, and desirest us to render unto it and unto Thee our several dues, we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst bless and protect our government and all magistrates everywhere, and by this means secure peace and quietness for Thy holy Word and Church, that we may daily increase in true knowledge and all godliness, and in the end obtain everlasting peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* Phil. 3, 17—21. *Gospel,* Matt. 22, 15—22.**

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Ps. O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people, that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O eternal, merciful God and Father, who hast made known to us Thy holy Gospel, we humbly beseech Thee, cause Thy Word to bring forth in us abundant fruit, that we may

daily grow in the knowledge of Thy will, walk worthy of Thee unto all pleasing, and be made meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast blotted out our transgressions with Thy blood, and turned death into peaceful repose, defend us, we beseech Thee, from perplexing doubts, and enable us in firm faith to take Thee at Thy word, and to experience Thy power, imparted to us daily from Thy Word, that we may obtain eternal life; for Thy holy name's sake, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, **Col. 1, 9—14.** ***Gospel,*** **Matt. 9, 18—26.**

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Introit.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

Let me not be ashamed, O Lord: for I have called upon Thee.

Ps. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: let me never be ashamed.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

Collects.

Almighty God, we beseech Thee, show Thy mercy unto Thy humble servants, that we, who put no trust in our merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Thy judgment, but according to Thy mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) Almighty and everlasting God, who by Thy Son hast promised us forgiveness of sins and deliverance from everlasting death, strengthen us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, that our trust in Thy grace in Christ Jesus may daily increase, and that with sure confidence we may hold fast the blessed hope that we shall not die, but only sleep, and at the last day be raised up unto everlasting life; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

(G.) *See Collect for the Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity.*

Epistle, **1 Thess. 4, 13—18.** ***Gospel,*** **Matt. 24, 15—28.**

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

INTROIT.

Save me, O God, by Thy name, and judge me by Thy strength: Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Ps. He shall reward evil to mine enemies: cut them off in Thy truth.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Thy Holy Spirit, that, being ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Thy just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here, and dwell with Thee forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(Ep.) O God, who hast appointed a day in which Thou wilt judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom Thou hast ordained, giving assurance thereof unto all in that Thou hast raised Him from the dead: grant unto us grace, we beseech Thee, to keep in mind always the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to wait continually for His revelation from heaven, that, having boldly confessed Him before men, we also may be openly acknowledged and confessed by Him when all flesh shall appear in His presence, who liveth, etc.

(G.) O Lord Jesus Christ, who wilt come again in majesty to judge the quick and the dead, and call forth all who sleep in the graves, either to the resurrection of life or to the resurrection of condemnation: we beseech Thee to be gracious unto us, and to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Thee, and, having been found acceptable in Thy sight, may on the last day be raised up to life everlasting, inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world, and give Thee glory and praise, world without end. *Amen.*

***Epistle,* 2 Pet. 3, 3—14, *or* 2 Thess. 1, 3—10. *Gospel,* Matt. 25, 31—46.**

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

The* INTROIT *and* COLLECT *for the Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity shall be used on the last Sunday after Trinity in each year.

COLLECTS.

(Ep.) Almighty and everlasting God, by whose word the heavens and the earth which are now, are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the Day of Judgment and perdition of ungodly men: make us, we beseech Thee, to be such manner of persons in all holy conversation and godliness as they ought to be who look for such things, that, when this frame of nature shall be dissolved, we may be counted worthy to behold and enjoy, according to Thy promise, the new heavens and the new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness; through the merits and mediation of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

See Collects and Prayers, No. 34.

(G.) Almighty God, we beseech Thee, grant us grace that we may wait with vigilance for the advent of Thy Son, our Lord, that, when He shall arise from Thy right hand to visit the earth in righteousness and Thy people with salvation, He may find us, not sleeping in sin, but diligent in His service and rejoicing in His praise, that so we may enter in with Him unto the Marriage Supper of the Lamb; through His merits, who liveth, etc.

(END OF CHURCH YEAR.)

We thank Thee, Lord God, Heavenly Father, that in the past church year Thou hast preserved Thy Word among us in purity, and by it sensibly quickened our souls; and we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst graciously forgive us all our neglect, unbelief, and disobedience of Thy Word, and continue unto us this precious treasure with Thy blessing forevermore; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, 1 Thess. 5, 1—11. *Gospel,* Matt. 25, 1—13.

THE FESTIVAL OF HARVEST.

INTROIT.

O Lord, Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness: and Thy paths drop fatness.

Thou visitest the earth and waterest it: Thou blessest the springing thereof.

Ps. Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion: and unto Thee shall the vow be performed.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Almighty God, most merciful Father, who openest Thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks that Thou hast crowned the fields with Thy blessing, and hast permitted us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth; and we beseech Thee to bless and protect the living seed of Thy Word sown in our hearts, that in the plenteous fruits of righteousness we may always present to Thee an acceptable thank-offering; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

See Collects and Prayers, No. 43.

O almighty and everlasting God, who hast blessed the labors of the husbandman, and given unto us the fruits of the earth in their season, grant us grace to use them to Thy glory, to the relief of those that are needy, and to our own comfort; through Jesus Christ, who is the Living Bread which cometh down from heaven and giveth life unto the world, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle, Deut. 8, 6—14a, *or* Deut. 26, 1—11. *Gospel,* Luke 12, 13—21.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION.

INTROIT.

The Lord of Hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our Refuge.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed: and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

Ps. God is our Refuge and Strength: a very present help in trouble.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, pour out, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy faithful people, keep them steadfast in Thy grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of Thy Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church militant Thy saving peace; through the same Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty God, merciful Father, who madest the light to shine out of darkness, we thank Thee that Thou hast shown mercy unto us and our fathers, and by means of Thy servant Luther hast restored the pure light of Thy Gospel: keep us, we beseech Thee, in sound doctrine, that we may steadfastly believe and worthily follow Thy saving Word, and finally, by its holy comfort, depart in peace and joy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* Rev. 14, 6. 7. *Gospel,* Matt. 11, 12—15.**

A DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

INTROIT.

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the Lord hath spoken: I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me.

They have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger: they are gone away backward.

Ps. If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities: O Lord, who shall stand?

[*On this day the* GLORIA PATRI *is omitted.*]

COLLECT.

Almighty and most merciful God, our Heavenly Father, of whose compassion there is no end, who art long-suffering, gracious, and plenteous in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin: we have sinned and done perversely, we have forsaken and grievously offended Thee; against Thee, Thee only, have we sinned and done evil in Thy sight. But we beseech Thee, O Lord, remember not against us former iniquities; let Thy tender mercies speedily prevent us, for we are brought very low; help us, O God of our salvation, and purge away our sins, for the glory of Thy holy name and for the sake of Thy dear Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

***See Litany Collects,* Nos. 1 and 5.**

***See Collects and Prayers,* No. 33.**

***Epistle,* Is. 1, 2—18. *Gospel,* Luke 13, 1—9.**

A DAY OF GENERAL OR SPECIAL THANKSGIVING.

INTROIT.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord: praise ye the Lord.

Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Ps. Praise ye the Lord; praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, whose mercies are new unto us every morning, and who, though we have in no wise deserved Thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul, give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Thy benefits, and serve Thee in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

See Collects and Prayers, No. 42.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, whose mercies are without number, and the treasure of whose goodness is infinite, we render Thee thanks for all the gifts Thou hast bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching Thy compassion, that, as Thou grantest the petitions of those that faithfully ask Thee, Thou wilt never forsake them, but prepare them for the rewards to come, in Thy everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Epistle, 1 Tim. 2, 1—8. *Gospel*, Luke 17, 11—19.

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST.

The INTROIT *is the same as for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity.*

COLLECTS.

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly beseech Thy Majesty, that, as Thine only-begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto Thee with pure and clean hearts; by the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with

Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, we beseech Thee, grant that we may know and praise Thy dear Son, even as Simeon of old, taking Him in his arms, spiritually knew and with his lips confessed Him, who liveth, etc.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, who hast given Thy Son to be our Savior, a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel, we beseech Thee, enlighten our hearts, that we may know Thy grace and fatherly will in Him toward us, and obtain everlasting life; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle*, Mal. 3, 1—4. *Gospel*, Luke 2, 22—32.**

THE ANNUNCIATION.

INTROIT.

All the rich among the people shall entreat Thy favor: She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework.

Her companions shall be brought unto Thee: with gladness and rejoicing.

Ps. My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the incarnation of Thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Merciful God, Heavenly Father, whom it hath pleased that Thy dear Son by the message of an angel should assume our flesh from the body of the blessed Virgin, grant, we beseech Thee, that by firm faith in this divine mystery we may obtain the blessed fruits of His holy incarnation, pardon for our guilt and the renewal of our minds unto life everlasting; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle*, Is. 7, 10—16. *Gospel*, Luke 1, 26—38.**

THE VISITATION.

The INTROIT *is the same as for the Annunciation.*

COLLECT.

Almighty God, who hast dealt wonderfully with Thy handmaiden the Virgin Mary, and hast chosen her to be the mother of Thy Son, and hast graciously made known that Thou regardest the poor and lowly and the despised: grant us grace in all humility and meekness to receive Thy Word with hearty faith, and so be made one with Thy dear Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

***Epistle,* Is. 11, 1—5. *Gospel,* Luke 1, 39—56.**

EVANGELISTS', APOSTLES', AND MARTYRS' DAYS.

INTROIT.

I know whom I have believed: and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness: which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me.

Ps. O Lord, Thou hast searched me and known me: Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

O almighty God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Head Corner-stone: grant us to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple, acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O almighty God, who hast instructed Thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of Thy Evangelists and Apostles: give us grace, that, being not like children, carried away with every wind of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of Thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O almighty God, who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ, our Lord: grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

[*The* EPISTLES *and* GOSPELS *for Apostles' Days and other Minor Festivals are to be found in the Tables.*]

ST. MICHAEL'S DAY.

INTROIT.

Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength: that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His Word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye His hosts: ye ministers of His that do His pleasure.

Ps. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of angels and men in a wonderful order: mercifully grant, that, as Thy holy angels always do Thee service in heaven, so by Thy appointment they may succor and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord God, Heavenly Father, who hast ordained Thy holy angels to protect Thy children on earth against the assaults of Satan and the wickedness of the world: we beseech Thee, of Thy mercy, continually defend us by these ministering spirits, and so replenish us with Thy Holy Spirit that we may do Thy will on earth as it is done in heaven, and hereafter, with all the angels and the elect, may praise and glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* Rev. 12, 7—12. *Gospel,* Matt. 18, 1—11.**

ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH DEDICATION.

INTROIT.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord: all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness: Come before His presence with singing.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving: and into His courts with praise.

Ps. How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts: My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

COLLECTS.

(Ep.) O Lord, who inhabitest the praises of Israel, we beseech Thee, let Thy eyes be open towards this house day and night, and, whenever we assemble here to worship Thee and to be refreshed with Thy heavenly gifts, graciously hear the supplications of Thy people; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth, etc.

(G.) Lord God, Heavenly Father, from whom without ceasing we receive exceeding abundantly all good gifts, we give Thee most hearty thanks this day that Thou hast come to us with Thy Word and Sacraments, bringing salvation; and we beseech Thee, be pleased to dwell continually among us, preserve and so bless unto us the means of grace that we may faithfully serve Thee with a holy life, and hereafter obtain everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

***Epistle,* Rev. 21, 1—5. *Gospel,* Luke 19, 1—10.**

MISSION FESTIVAL.

The INTROIT *is the same as for the* SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY *or the* FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

COLLECTS.

O Lord God Almighty, mercifully grant that we, who know Thee now by faith, may with our whole heart believe in Him, our only Savior, serve Him, and steadfastly confess and glorify Him before all men, making known Thy saving health among the nations, that He may see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that of Thine infinite mercy Thou hast sent Thine only-begotten Son into the world as the true Light of men; and we beseech Thee, shed abroad Thy light and Thy truth upon those who are sitting in the region and shadow of death; let the knowledge of Thy sal-

vation be increased, and subdue the nations to Thy grace, to the praise of Thy holy name; through Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who camest to seek and to save that which was lost, we thank Thee for sending forth the message of salvation into all the world. But as many millions are still going astray, like sheep that have not a shepherd, do Thou, the Chief Shepherd of the flock, send faithful pastors and teachers to gather the lost and wandering into Thy fold, that, being refreshed with Thy salutary Word, they may worship and praise Thee for Thy mercy and truth, who livest, etc.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast strengthened and refreshed us by the preaching of Thy holy Word and by a recital of Thy marvelous works among men; and we beseech Thee, prosper all endeavors to spread abroad Thy Gospel in the world, that the uttermost parts of the earth may praise Thy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth, etc.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, who dost call the Gentiles unto the fellowship of Thy Son, and charge Thy disciples to make known Thy Word to them: we beseech Thee, let us in grateful obedience labor zealously to carry out Thy command, and do Thou give free course to Thy Word, and bless the messengers that bring good tidings and publish salvation and peace, that Thy name may be glorified among the heathen; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who wouldst have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth, we beseech Thee, keep us ever mindful of our commission to preach the Gospel to every creature. Strengthen us by Thy grace, lest we grow remiss in our efforts and prayers to make Thy way known upon the earth. Enlarge the borders of Thy kingdom, and let the earth be filled with the knowledge of Thy glory, as the waters cover the sea; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

O most merciful God, who hast no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live: we thank Thee for preparing Thy way before the face of all people and visiting them with Thy salvation. And we beseech Thee to

grant Thy Word free course, and to accompany it with Thy heavenly benediction, that it may prosper in the thing whereto Thou didst send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that we, who in time past were far off and without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, are now made nigh by the blood of Christ, so that we are fellow-citizens with the saints and members of Thy household; and we beseech Thee, fill our hearts with a due and abiding sense of Thy unspeakable love, that, rejoicing in Thy salvation, we may by word and deed evermore thank and praise Thee, who hast called us out of darkness into Thy marvelous light; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast ordained Thy Son Jesus Christ for a Savior of all men, and appointed Thy Church to publish the tidings of salvation unto the ends of the earth; and we beseech Thee, awaken our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that we may ever bear in mind Thy gracious purpose and solemn command. Kindle such ardent love and zeal in our hearts, that we may labor unremittingly for the conversion of all who do not know Thee or have fallen away, that they may not be lost, but turn to Thee and praise Thy name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

O eternal God and Father, who hast revealed Thy Son Jesus Christ to the world, and hast called us to the blessed knowledge of salvation: we thank Thee that Thou hast hitherto preserved Thy truth among us despite the assaults of Satan; and we beseech Thee, keep us continually in purity of doctrine and righteousness of life, and send forth Thy Word among men, accompanying it with the effectual working of Thy Holy Spirit, that many may be brought to the true knowledge of Thy Son, and obtain the inheritance of everlasting life; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

***See Collects and Prayers,* No. 16.**

***Epistle,* Rom. 10, 8—18; *or* Is. 12, 2—4; 42, 1—12; 40, 1—6. *Gospel,* Matt. 9, 35—38; Mark 4, 26—32.**

Invitatories, Antiphons, Responsories, and Versicles for the Church Year.

The INVITATORY *varies with the season, and is always used with* PSALM 95 *at Matins. It is divided into two parts, separated by a colon. The first part, or the whole, of the* INVITATORY *may be chanted or said by the Minister, or chanted by a single voice, or by the choir, before the Psalm; and after the Psalm and* GLORIA PATRI *the whole* INVITATORY *shall be chanted.*

An ANTIPHON *is used at Matins and Vespers to the Psalms, the* MAGNIFICAT, *the* NUNC DIMITTIS, *and the* BENEDICTUS. *It is used in the same manner as the* INVITATORY.

The RESPONSORY *varies with the season, and may be chanted after the last* LESSON *at Vespers and Matins. At the end of the* RESPONSORY *is chanted,* GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY GHOST, *(but not, "As it was in the beginning," etc.,) followed by the repetition of the last sentence of the* RESPONSORY.

A VERSICLE *may be used at Vespers after the* HYMN, *and at Vespers and Matins before the closing* COLLECT. *A* VERSICLE *is used before the* LITANY COLLECTS. *The first part of the* VERSICLE *is said by the Minister, and the second part chanted or said by the people.*

ADVENT.

INVITATORY.

Behold, the King cometh: O come, let us worship Him.

ANTIPHONS.

1. Behold, the name of the Lord cometh from far: and let the whole earth be filled with His glory.

2. Come, O Lord, and make no tarrying: loosen the bonds of Thy people Israel.

3. Rejoice greatly, O Jerusalem: behold, Thy King cometh.

4. Behold, the Lord shall come, and all His saints with Him: and in that day the light shall be great. Hallelujah!

RESPONSORY.

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. And this is His name whereby He shall be called, The Lord, our Righteousness.

Verse. In His days shall Judah be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely.

And this is His name whereby He shall be called, The Lord, our Righteousness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

And this is His name whereby He shall be called, The Lord, our Righteousness.

VERSICLES.

1. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined:
   Answer. Our God shall come. Hallelujah!
2. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Hallelujah!:
   Make His paths straight. Hallelujah!
3. Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness:
   Let the earth open and bring forth salvation.

CHRISTMAS.

INVITATORY.

Unto us the Christ is born: O come, let us worship Him.

ANTIPHONS.

1. The Lord hath said unto Me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee.

2. The Lord hath sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant forever.

3. Of the fruit of thy body: will I set upon thy throne.

4. Christ the Lord, our Savior, everlasting God and Mary's Son: we praise Thee evermore.

RESPONSORY.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only-Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Verse. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Full of grace and truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Full of grace and truth.

VERSICLES.

1. At even ye shall know the Lord will come:
   And in the morning, then shall ye see the glory of the Lord.
2. As the bridegroom from his chamber:
   Cometh forth the Lord to run His race.

3. The Word was made flesh. Hallelujah!:
And dwelt among us. Hallelujah!
4. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord:
God is the Lord, which hath showed us light.
5. Unto us a Child is born. Hallelujah!:
Unto us a Son is given. Hallelujah!
6. Unto you is born this day a Savior. Hallelujah!:
Which is Christ the Lord. Hallelujah!

THE EPIPHANY.

INVITATORY.

Christ hath appeared unto us: O come, let us worship Him.

ANTIPHONS.

1. Give unto the Lord glory and strength: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

2. The Lord hath made known His Word. Hallelujah!: the Word of His salvation. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of Thy people Israel.

4. We have seen His star in the East: and are come to worship Him.

RESPONSORY.

Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Verse. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

VERSICLES.

1. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents. Hallelujah!:
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Hallelujah!
2. All they from Sheba shall come. Hallelujah!:
They shall bring gold and incense. Hallelujah!
3. O praise the Lord, all ye nations. Hallelujah!:
Praise Him, all ye people. Hallelujah!

THE PASSION SEASON.

ANTIPHONS.

1. Man shall not live by bread alone: but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

2. Behold, now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation.

3. The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together: against the Lord and against His Anointed.

4. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

RESPONSORY.

He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter; He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He was delivered up to death, that He might quicken His people.

Verse. In Salem also is His tabernacle, and His dwelling-place in Zion.

He was delivered up to death, that He might quicken His people.

VERSICLES.

1. Save me from the lion's mouth, O Lord:
   And deliver me from the horns of the unicorns.
2. Christ became obedient unto death:
   Even the death of the cross.
3. Christ was wounded for our transgressions:
   He was bruised for our iniquities.

EASTER.

INVITATORY.

The Lord is risen indeed: Hallelujah!

ANTIPHONS.

1. Hallelujah!: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. I laid me down and slept; I awaked: for the Lord sustained me. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. Hallelujah! The Lord is risen. Hallelujah!: As He said unto you. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

4. Hallelujah! Abide with us, for it is toward evening: and the day is far spent. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Responsory.

Christ being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him.

In that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse. Christ was delivered for our offenses, and raised again for our justification.

In that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Hallelujah!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

In that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Hallelujah!

Versicles.

1. The Lord is risen from the grave. Hallelujah!:
   Who hung for us upon the tree. Hallelujah!
2. Then were the disciples glad. Hallelujah!:
   When they saw the Lord. Hallelujah!
3. This is the day which the Lord hath made. Hallelujah!:
   We will rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelujah!
4. The Lord is risen indeed. Hallelujah!:
   And hath appeared unto Simon. Hallelujah!

ASCENSION DAY.

Invitatory.

Hallelujah! The King ascendeth into heaven: O come, let us worship Him. Hallelujah!

Antiphons.

1. If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you: but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. Hallelujah!

2. Hallelujah! Christ hath ascended up on high. Hallelujah!: And hath led captivity captive. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. I ascend unto My Father and your Father: and to My God and your God. Hallelujah!

Responsory.

Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel. Hallelujah!

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved.

VERSICLES.

1. I will not leave you comfortless. Hallelujah!:
   I go away and come again unto you. Hallelujah!
2. God is gone up with a shout. Hallelujah!:
   The Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Hallelujah!

WHITSUNTIDE.

INVITATORY.

Hallelujah! The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: O come, let us worship Him. Hallelujah!

ANTIPHONS.

1. Come, Holy Ghost, and fill the hearts of Thy faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love: Thou, who through divers tongues gatherest together the nations in the unity of the faith. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2. Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created: and Thou renewest the face of the earth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3. I will not leave you comfortless. Hallelujah!: I will come to you, and your hearts shall rejoice. Hallelujah!

RESPONSORY.

And there appeared unto the Apostles cloven tongues, like as of fire. Hallelujah!

And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse. And they began to speak with other tongues the wonderful works of God.

And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

And the Holy Ghost sat upon each of them.

VERSICLES.

1. The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!:
   He shall teach you all things. Hallelujah!
2. And they were filled with the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!:
   And they began to speak. Hallelujah!
3. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Hallelujah!:
   And renew a right spirit within me. Hallelujah!

THE FESTIVAL OF TRINITY.

INVITATORY.

The true God, One in Three and Three in One: O come, let us worship Him.

ANTIPHONS.

1. Unto Thee do we call, Thee do we praise, Thee do we worship: O blessed Trinity.

2. Glory be to Thee, Coequal Trinity: one God before all worlds began, and now, and forevermore.

3. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty: which was, and is, and is to come.

RESPONSORY.

We bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

Verse. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven, and above all to be praised and glorified forever.

Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

VERSICLES.

We bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost:
Praise Him and magnify Him forever.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION.

ANTIPHON.

I will speak of Thy testimonies also before kings: and will not be ashamed.

VERSICLES.

1. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet. Hallelujah!:
   And a light unto my path. Hallelujah!
2. The Lord, our God, be with us. Hallelujah!:
   As He was with our fathers. Hallelujah!
3. Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion. Hallelujah!:
   Build Thou the walls of Jerusalem. Hallelujah!
4. Stand fast therefore in the liberty. Hallelujah!:
   Wherewith Christ hath made you free. Hallelujah!

A DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

ANTIPHON.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I cry unto Thee daily: Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me, for I am poor and needy.

VERSICLES.

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness:
   According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
2. Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord:
   For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.
3. Lord, deal not with us after our sins:
   Nor reward us according to our iniquities.
4. Create in us a clean heart, O God:
   And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.
5. We have sinned with our fathers:
   We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

THE FESTIVAL OF CHURCH DEDICATION.

ANTIPHON.

The Lord is in His holy temple: the Lord's throne is in heaven.

VERSICLE.

Thy testimonies are very sure. Hallelujah!:
Holiness becometh Thine house, O Lord, forever. Hallelujah!

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD.

ANTIPHONS.

1. God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.

2. O how glorious is that kingdom: wherein all the saints do rejoice with Christ; they are clothed with white robes, and follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

VERSICLES.

1. We have here no continuing city. Hallelujah!:
   But we seek one to come. Hallelujah!
2. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Hallelujah!:
   They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. Hallelujah!

FOR OTHER TIMES.

ANTIPHONS.

1. Out of the depths: have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.
2. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty: God hath shined.
3. Commit Thy way unto the Lord: trust also in Him.
4. Preserve my life: from the fear of the enemy.
5. It is good to sing praises: unto our God.
6. Forsake not the works: of Thine own hands.
7. The Lord: is the Strength of my life.
8. The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit Thou at My right hand.
9. Blessed be the Lord God: the God of Israel.
10. Blessed be the Lord out of Zion: which dwelleth at Jerusalem.
11. Blessed: be His glorious name forever.
12. I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.
13. In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou wilt answer me.
14. I will praise Thy name: forever and ever.
15. Thou wilt show me: the path of life.
16. We praise the Lord: now, henceforth, and forever.
17. Blessed: is the man that feareth the Lord.

RESPONSORY.

Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.

Verse. Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house, and the place where Thine honor dwelleth.

VERSICLES.

The numbers in parentheses refer to *Common Service, Hymn Book*, large ed., p. 54; small ed., p. 91; the others to *Hymnal for Ev. Luth. Missions*, St. Louis, Concordia Publishing House, pp. 163—165.

1. *Minister.* The Lord be with you.
   Congregation. And with thy spirit.

(4) 1 b. Ask, and ye shall receive:
That your joy may be full.

(20) 2. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me bless His holy name. Hallelujah!
Bless the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all His benefits. Hallelujah!

(10) 2 b. By Me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
By Me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

(21) 3. Call upon Me in the day of trouble.
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.

4. Create in me a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.

5. Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more. Hallelujah!
Death hath no more dominion over Him. Hallelujah!

6. Christ hath abolished death. Hallelujah!
He hath brought life and immortality to light. Hallelujah!

7. Christ hath ascended on high. Hallelujah!
   He hath led captivity captive. Hallelujah!
8. Christ was delivered for our offenses. Hallelujah!
   And was raised again for our justification. Hallelujah!
9. God, even our own God, shall bless us. Hallelujah!
   God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. Hallelujah!
10. God spared not His own Son.
    But delivered Him up for us all.
11. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness.
    According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions.

(17) 12. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name.
    Deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Thy name's sake.

(11) 13. He shall give His angels charge over thee. Hallelujah!
    To keep thee in all thy ways. Hallelujah!
14. His name shall be called Jesus. Hallelujah!
    For He shall save His people from their sins. Hallelujah!
15. Hosanna to the Son of David! Hallelujah!
    Hosanna in the highest! Hallelujah!

(18) 15 b. I have trusted in Thy mercy.
    My heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

(6) 16. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. Hallelujah!
    And to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High. Hallelujah!
17. Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace. Hallelujah!
    For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation. Hallelujah!
18. Lord, preserve unto us Thy Word.
    Thy Word is unto us the joy and rejoicing of our hearts.

(14) 19. Lord, teach me to do Thy will.
    Let Thy good Spirit lead me in the right way.

(7) 19 b. Lord, Thou hast heard the desire of the humble.
    Thou wilt preserve their heart. Thou wilt cause Thine ear to hear.

(22) 20. **Make** me to understand the way of Thy precepts.
Strengthen Thou me acccording to Thy Word.

21. My soul doth magnify the Lord. Hallelujah!
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Savior. Hallelujah!

(5) 22. **O** give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good. Hallelujah!
For His mercy endureth forever. Hallelujah!

23. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.
Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

24. O praise the Lord, all ye nations. Hallelujah!
Praise Him, all ye people. Hallelujah!

(3) 25. **Pray** ye the Lord of the harvest.
That He would send forth laborers into His harvest.

26. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Hallelujah!
Make His paths straight. Hallelujah!

(13) 27. **Sanctify** us, O Lord, through Thy truth.
Thy Word is truth.

(16) 28. Save Thy people, O Lord, and bless Thine inheritance.
Feed them also, and lift them up forever.

(15) 29. Show me Thy ways, O Lord.
Teach me Thy paths.

30. Show us Thy mercy, O Lord.
And grant us Thy salvation.

(19) 31. Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not.
For of such is the kingdom of God.

32. Teach me, O Lord, to do Thy will.
Thy good Spirit lead me into the land of uprightness.

33. Teach me Thy way, O Lord: I will walk in Thy truth.
Unite my heart to fear Thy name.

(1) 34. The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord.
And Thou givest them their meat in due season.

35. Their sound is gone out through all the earth. Hallelujah!
And their words to the end of the world. Hallelujah!

36. The Gentiles shall come to thy light. Hallelujah!
And kings to the brightness of thy rising. Hallelujah!

(12) 37. The Lord God is a Sun and Shield, the Lord will give grace and glory. Hallelujah!
No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. Hallelujah!

(2) 38. The Lord is merciful and gracious. Hallelujah!
Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Hallelujah!

(8) 39. The Lord will give strength unto His people. Hallelujah!
The Lord will bless His people with peace. Hallelujah!

40. The Word was made flesh. Hallelujah!
And dwelt among us. Hallelujah!

(9) 40 b. They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament. Hallelujah!
And they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever. Hallelujah!

41. This is the day which the Lord hath made. Hallelujah!
We will rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelujah!

42. Thou sendest forth Thy Spirit, they are created. Hallelujah!
Thou renewest the face of the earth. Hallelujah!

43. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet. Hallelujah!
And a light unto my path. Hallelujah!

44. Turn Thou us, O Lord, and we shall be turned.
Save us, and we shall be saved.

45. Unto you is born this day a Savior. Hallelujah!
Which is Christ, the Lord. Hallelujah!

46. We have trusted in Thy mercy.
Our heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

47. We praise God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!
We praise Him now and evermore. Hallelujah!

Collects and Prayers.

1.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, almighty God, a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Thy mercy, and a sincere love to Thee and to all our fellow-men; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

2.

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, we give Thee thanks that of Thy great goodness and mercy Thou didst suffer Thine only-begotten Son to become incarnate, and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death; and we beseech Thee, enlighten our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that we may evermore yield Thee unfeigned thanks for this Thy grace, and may comfort ourselves with the same in all time of tribulation and temptation; through the same Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

3.

Almighty God, who hast given us commandment to pray for the gift of the Holy Ghost, most heartily we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Advocate, to grant us Thy Holy Spirit, that He may quicken our hearts by Thy saving Word, and lead us into all truth, that He may guide, instruct, enlighten, govern, comfort, and sanctify us unto everlasting life; through the same, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

4.

Send, we beseech Thee, almighty God, Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, that He may rule and direct us according to Thy will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth, that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

5.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who, of Thy tender love toward us sinners, hast given us Thy Son, that, believing on Him, we might have everlasting life: grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may continue steadfast in this faith to the end, and may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

6.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, by Thy Son, hast promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life: we beseech Thee so to rule and govern our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit that in our daily need, and especially in all time of temptation, we may seek help from Him, and by a true and lively faith in Thy Word obtain the same; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

7.

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, we beseech Thee, let Thy Holy Spirit dwell in us, that He may enlighten and lead us into all truth, and evermore defend us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

8.

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: quicken us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, unto newness of life, that through the power of His resurrection we may dwell with Christ forever; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

9.

Almighty and ever-living God, who makest us both to will and to do those things which are good, and acceptable unto Thy Divine Majesty: let Thy Fatherly hand, we beseech Thee, ever be over us; let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with us; and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word that in the end we may obtain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

FOR THE CHURCH.

10.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, unto Thy Church Thy Holy Spirit, and the wisdom which cometh down from above, that Thy Word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve Thee, and in the confession of Thy name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

11.

Merciful Lord, we beseech Thee to cast the bright beams of Thy light upon Thy Church, that, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed Apostles, it may so walk in the light of Thy truth that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

12.

O God, our Protector, behold, and look upon the face of Thine Anointed, who hath given Himself for the redemption of all, and grant that from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof Thy name may be great among the Gentiles, and that in every place, sacrifice and a pure offering may be made unto Thy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

13.

O Lord, favorably receive the prayers of Thy Church, that, being delivered from all adversity and error, it may serve Thee in safety and freedom; and grant us Thy peace in our time; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

14.

FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost will that not one of these little ones should perish, and hast sent Thine only Son to seek and to save that which was lost, and through Him hast said, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God: most heartily we beseech Thee so to bless and govern the children of Thy Church, by Thy Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Thy Word; protect and defend them against all danger and harm, giving Thy holy angels charge over them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

15.

FOR THE MINISTERS OF THE WORD.

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone doest great wonders, send down upon Thy ministers, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of Thy grace; and, that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

16.

Almighty and gracious God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast commanded us to pray that Thou wouldest send forth laborers into Thy harvest: of Thine infinite mercy give us true teachers and ministers of Thy Word, and put Thy saving Gospel in their hearts and on their lips, that they may truly fulfil Thy command, and preach nothing contrary to Thy holy Word, that we, being warned, instructed, nurtured, comforted, and strengthened by Thy heavenly Word, may do those things which are well-pleasing to Thee, and profitable to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

17.

O almighty God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to Thy holy Apostles many excellent gifts, and commandedst them earnestly to feed Thy flock: make, we beseech Thee, all pastors diligently to preach Thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

18.

FOR THE CHURCH IN ITS CONFLICTS.

Almighty and everlasting God, who wilt have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth: we beseech Thy glorious Majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, impart the grace and help of Thy Holy Spirit to all ministers of Thy Word, that they may purely teach it to the saving of men; bring to naught, by Thine almighty power and unsearchable wisdom, all the counsels of those who hate Thy Word, and who, by corrupt teaching or with violent hands, would destroy it, and enlighten them with the knowledge of Thy glory. that we, leading a quiet and peaceable life, may, by a pure faith, learn the riches of Thy heavenly grace, and in holiness and righteousness serve Thee, the only true God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

19.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ERRED.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, whose property it is always to have mercy, we most earnestly beseech Thee to visit with Thy Fatherly correction all such as have erred and gone

astray from the truth of Thy holy Word, and to bring them to a due sense of their error, that they may again with hearty faith receive and hold fast Thine unchangeable truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

20.

Almighty, merciful, and gracious God and Father, with our whole heart we beseech Thee for all who have forsaken the Christian faith, all who have wandered from any portion thereof, or are in doubt or temptation through the corruptors of Thy Word, that Thou wouldest visit them as a Father, reveal unto them their error, and bring them back from their wanderings, that they, in singleness of heart, taking pleasure alone in the pure truth of Thy Word, may be made wise thereby unto everlasting life through faith in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

21.

FOR UNITY.

O God, who restorest to the right way them that err, who gatherest them that are scattered, and preservest them that are gathered: of Thy tender mercy, we beseech Thee, pour upon Thy Christian people the grace of unity, that, all schisms being healed, Thy flock, united to the true Shepherd of Thy Church, may worthily serve Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

22.

FOR THE REMOVAL OF SCHISM.

Bring to naught, O Christ, the schisms of heresy, which seek to subvert Thy Truth, that, as Thou art acknowledged in heaven and in earth as one and the same Lord, so Thy people, gathered from all nations, may serve Thee in unity of faith. *Amen.*

23.

FOR THE JEWS.

Almighty and everlasting God, who lovest to show mercy, hear the prayers which we offer unto Thee for Thine ancient people, that, acknowledging Jesus Christ, who is the Light of Truth, they may be delivered from their darkness; through the same, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

24.

For the Heathen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but wouldest have all men to repent and live: hear our prayers for the heathen; take away iniquity from their hearts, and turn them from their idols unto the living and true God and to Thine only Son; and gather them into Thy holy Church, to the glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES.

25.

O merciful Father in heaven, who holdest in Thy hand all the might of man, and who hast ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well, and of whom is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world: we humbly beseech Thee, graciously regard Thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, our Judges and Magistrates, and all the rulers of the earth. May all that receive the sword, as Thy ministers, bear it according to Thy commandment. Enlighten and defend them by Thy name, O God. Grant them wisdom and understanding, that under their peaceable governance Thy people may be guarded and directed in righteousness, quietness, and unity. Protect and prolong their lives, O God of our salvation, that we, with them, may show forth the praise of Thy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

26.

For Our Enemies.

Forgive, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our enemies, and them that despitefully use us, and so change their hearts that they may walk with us in meekness and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

27.

O almighty, everlasting God, who, through Thine only Son, our blessed Lord, hast commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to them that hate us, and to pray for them that persecute us: we earnestly beseech Thee that by Thy gracious visita-

tion they may be led to true repentance, and may have the same love, and be of one accord, and of one mind and heart with us and with Thy whole Church; through the same, Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

28.

In Time of National Calamity.

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, we humbly confess unto Thee that by our evil-doing and continual disobedience we have deserved these Thy chastisements; but we earnestly beseech Thee, for Thy name's sake, to spare us; restrain the harmful power of the enemy, and succor Thy suffering people, that Thy Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance, and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk obediently to Thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

29.

Look mercifully, O Lord, we beseech Thee, on the affliction of Thy people, and let not our sins destroy us, but let Thine almighty mercy save us; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

30.

Most loving and gracious Lord God, who for our many grievous sins art pleased sorely to chasten us, we flee to Thy tender and Fatherly compassion alone, beseeching Thee, that, as a father pitieth his children, Thou wouldest pity us miserable sinners. Turn away Thy righteous wrath, and give us not over to deserved death, but deliver us, that we may now and evermore praise Thee, O gracious God and Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

31.

For Prisoners.

Almighty God, who didst bring the Apostle Peter forth out of prison, have mercy upon all who are suffering imprisonment, and set them free from their bonds, that we may rejoice in their deliverance, and continually give praise to Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

32.

For Peace and Quietness.

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear the prayers of Thy Church, that we, being delivered from all adversities, and serving Thee with a quiet mind, may enjoy Thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

IN TIME OF AFFLICTION AND DISTRESS.

33.

Almighty and everlasting God, the Consolation of the sorrowful and the Strength of the weak, may the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto Thee graciously come before Thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Thy manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

34.

Almighty and most merciful God, who hast appointed us to endure sufferings and death with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with Him into eternal glory: grant us grace at all times to subject ourselves to Thy holy will, and to continue steadfast in the true faith unto the end of our lives, and at all times to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead, and of the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

35.

Almighty God, cast not away Thy people who cry unto Thee in their tribulation, but for the glory of Thy name be pleased to succor the afflicted; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

36.

For the Sick.

Almighty, everlasting God, the eternal Salvation of them that believe: hear our prayers in behalf of Thy servants who are sick, for whom we implore the aid of Thy mercy, that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to Thee in Thy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

37.

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve Thy servant(s), for whom we offer our supplications; look upon *them* with the eyes of Thy mercy; give *them* comfort and sure confidence in Thee, defend *them* from the danger of the enemy, and keep *them* in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

38.

FOR MOTHERS.

O almighty, everlasting God and Father, Creator of all things, who by Thy grace, through Thy Son, our Lord, who hath redeemed us from the flesh and sin, makest the anguish of our human birth a holy and salutary cross: we pray Thee, O gracious Father, Lord and God, that Thou wouldest preserve and guard the work of Thine own hand. Forsake not them who cry to Thee in sore travail, but deliver them out of all their pains, to their joy and to the glory of Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

39.

IN TIME OF GREAT SICKNESS.

Almighty and most merciful God, our Heavenly Father, we, Thine erring children, humbly confess unto Thee that we have justly deserved the chastening which for our sins Thou hast sent upon us; but we entreat Thee, of Thy boundless goodness, to grant us true repentance, graciously to forgive our sins, to remove from us, or to lighten, our merited punishment, and so to strengthen us by Thy grace that as obedient children we may be subject to Thy will, and bear our afflictions in patience; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

40.

IN TIME OF DROUGHT.

O God, most merciful Father, we beseech Thee to open the windows of heaven, and to send a fruitful rain upon us, to revive the earth, and to refresh the fruits thereof, for all things droop and wither; graciously hear our prayer in this our necessity, that we may praise and glorify Thy name forever and ever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

41.

In Time of Unseasonable Weather.

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, who art gracious and merciful, and hast promised that Thou wilt hear us when we call upon Thee in our troubles: we beseech Thee, look not upon our sins and evil doings, but upon our necessities, and according to Thy mercy send us such seasonable weather that the earth may in due time yield her increase, that by Thy goodness we may receive our daily bread, and learn to know Thee as a merciful God, and evermore give thanks to Thee for Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING.

42.

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, from whom without ceasing we receive exceeding abundantly all good gifts, and who daily of Thy pure grace guardest us against all evil: grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that, acknowledging with our whole heart all this Thy goodness, we may now and evermore thank and praise Thy loving-kindness and tender mercy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

43.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, whose mercies are new unto us every morning, and who, though we have in no wise deserved Thy goodness, dost abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul: give us, we pray Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Thy merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Thy benefits, and serve Thee in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

44.

Almighty and most merciful God, who in Thy Fatherly wisdom hast chastened us on account of our sins, that we might not continue in impenitence and vain confidence, and thus perish with the ungodly: in the midst of wrath Thou hast remembered mercy, and hast graciously delivered us out of our affliction. We give Thee, therefore, most hearty thanks and praise, that Thou hast turned away from us Thy just anger, and shown Thyself

favorable toward us, Thine unworthy servants. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Thou, Lord, art merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Glory be to Thee, O God, forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

45.

Glory be to Thee, O God Most Holy; glory be to Thee, O God Most High; glory be to Thee, O King of heaven and earth, who, as a father pitieth his children, pitiest us. Fill us with joy and gladness in the Holy Ghost, that, when Thou shalt render to every man according to his works, we may be found acceptable before Thee, through Him who hath redeemed us from the shame and curse of sin, even Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR SPECIAL GIFTS AND GRACES.

46.

For Protection during the Day.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with Thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

47.

For Protection during the Night.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

48.

For Grace to Use Our Gifts.

O Lord God Almighty, who dost endue Thy servants with divers and singular gifts of the Holy Ghost, leave us not, we beseech Thee, destitute of Thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace, to use them always to Thy honor and glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

49.

For Grace to Receive the Word.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy Holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

50.

For Grace to be Led into All Truth.

Enlighten our minds, we beseech Thee, O God, by the Spirit which proceedeth from Thee, that, as Thy Son hath promised, we may be led into all truth; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

51.

For Spiritual Renewal.

Almighty God, who hast given us Thine only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, grant that we, being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

52.

For Penitence.

Merciful Father, give us grace that we may never presume to sin; but if at any time we offend Thy divine majesty, may we truly repent and lament our offense, and by a lively faith obtain remission of all our sins, solely through the merits of Thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

53.

For Pardon.

Hear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayer of Thy suppliants, and spare those who confess their sins unto Thee, that Thou mayest bestow upon us both pardon and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

54.

For Deliverance from Sin.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, in Thy clemency to show us Thine unspeakable mercy, that Thou mayest both set us free from our sins, and rescue us from the punishments which for our sins we deserve; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

55.

For Grace to Do God's Will.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

56.

For Grace to Love and Serve God.

O God, who, through the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, dost pour the gifts of charity into the hearts of Thy faithful people, grant unto Thy servants health both of mind and body, that they may love Thee with their whole strength, and with their whole heart perform those things which are pleasing unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

57.

For Aid against Temptation.

O God, who justifiest the ungodly, and who desirest not the death of the sinner, we humbly implore Thy majesty, that Thou wouldest graciously assist, by Thy heavenly aid, and evermore shield with Thy protection, Thy servants who trust in Thy mercy, that they may be separated by no temptations from Thee, and, without ceasing, may serve Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

58.

For Faith.

Almighty and ever-living God, who hast given to them that believe exceeding great and precious promises, grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in Thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in Thy sight may never be reproved. Hear us, O Lord, through the same our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

59.

For Divine Guidance and Help.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all

our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

60.

O almighty and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy laws and in the works of Thy commandments, that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and in soul; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

61.

FOR SPIRITUAL ILLUMINATION.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the brightness of Thy glory may shine forth upon us, and that the light of Thy light by the illumination of the Holy Spirit may stablish the hearts of all that have been born anew by Thy grace; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

62.

FOR LIKENESS TO CHRIST.

Almighty God, who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an ensample of godly life, give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

63.

FOR A RIGHT KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST.

O almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that, following His steps, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

64.

FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT.

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, who by the blessed light of Thy divine Word hast led us to the knowledge of Thy Son, we most heartily beseech Thee so to replenish us with the grace of

Thy Holy Spirit that we may ever walk in the light of Thy truth, and, rejoicing with sure confidence in Christ, our Savior, may in the end be brought unto everlasting salvation; through the same Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

65.

Almighty and everlasting God, who of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, Thy Son, dost grant us forgiveness of sin, and all things pertaining to life and godliness: grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that He may so rule our hearts, that we, being ever mindful of Thy Fatherly mercy, may strive to mortify the flesh, and to overcome the world, and, serving Thee in holiness and pureness of living, may give Thee continual thanks for all Thy goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

66.

FOR PURITY.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

67.

FOR INNOCENCY OF LIFE.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by Thy grace that by the innocency of our lives and the constancy of our faith, even unto death, we may glorify Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

68.

FOR LOVE TO GOD.

O God, who makest all things to work together for good to them that love Thee, pour into our hearts such steadfast love toward Thee that the pure desires which by Thy Spirit have been stirred up in us may not be turned aside by any temptation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

69.

FOR CHARITY.

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are worth nothing, send Thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and all virtues, without which, whosoever liveth, is counted dead before Thee. Grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

70.

FOR HUMILITY.

O God, who resistest the proud, and givest grace to the humble, grant unto us true humility, after the likeness in which Thine only Son hath revealed it in Himself, that we may never be lifted up and provoke Thy wrath, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Thy grace; through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

71.

FOR PATIENCE.

O God, who by the meek endurance of Thine only-begotten Son didst beat down the pride of the old enemy, help us, we beseech Thee, rightly to treasure in our hearts what our Lord hath of His goodness borne for our sakes, that after His example we may bear with patience whatsoever things are adverse to us; through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

72.

FOR A HAPPY DEATH.

Confirm, we beseech Thee, almighty God, Thine unworthy servants in Thy grace, that in the hour of our death the adversary may not prevail against us, but that we may be found worthy of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

73.

FOR THE BLESSEDNESS OF HEAVEN.

Almighty, everlasting God, who didst give Thine only Son to be a High Priest of good things to come: hereafter grant unto us, Thine unworthy servants, to have our share in the company of the blessed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

74.

For Peace.

O God, who art the Author of peace and Lover of concord in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us, Thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in Thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR AN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

75.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise that, when two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

76.

Almighty God, the Fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

77.

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Thy Son's name, we beseech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to Thy will may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity and to the setting forth of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Special Intercessions and Thanksgivings.

1. FOR A WOMAN AFTER CHILDBIRTH.

A prayer of thanksgiving has been requested for ——, the wife of ——, whom the Lord hath on —— blessed with the gift of a healthy ——.

Blessed art Thou, O God, that Thou hast graciously sustained this mother in her peril and pain, and gladdened her heart with the gift of a healthy child. And we pray Thee, keep both mother and child in Thy protection, give them strength and health, and avert whatever might prove hurtful to them in body or soul. And as Thou wilt be [~~hast been~~] pleased to receive the child into the kingdom of Thy grace by the washing of Holy Baptism, vouchsafe unto it Thy continual blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(FOR THE BIRTH OF TWINS.)

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, that Thou hast blessed these parents and graciously delivered the mother out of pain and peril. [And we pray Thee, vouchsafe to both the mother and her *children* the continuance of Thy mercy, give them health and strength, and receive the *children* into Thy gracious covenant in Holy Baptism; and keep *them* therein unto *their* end, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.] Especially do we thank Thee that Thou hast received the *children*, by the washing of Holy Baptism, into the kingdom of Thy grace; and we pray Thee, vouchsafe to both the mother and her *children* the continuance of Thy mercy, give them health and strength, and keep them in Thy gracious covenant unto their end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(FOR A STILL-BORN CHILD.)

Let us [We] pray for our brother, ——, and his wife, ——, whose hearts are grieved by the birth of a still-born child.

God, Thou art wonderful, and the ways Thou leadest us are often dark and past finding out. Thou sayest: "What I do, thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." Thou hast turned the joyful hopes of these parents into sadness. In reverent humility we bow before the dispensations of Thy providence. Thou art the Lord; do what seemeth Thee good. Only

we pray Thee, hasten the recovery of the mother, and comfort both her and her husband, in the hours of sorrow, by Thy gracious presence, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

2. FOR THE CHURCHING OF WOMEN.

Let us [We] pray for ——, the wife of ——, who —— has come to give thanks for her deliverance.

God, we praise Thee for Thy great mercy shown to this mother and her child, and humbly beseech Thee to keep them always in Thy gracious care. Hear, O Lord, the supplications of the mother, take her into Thy fatherly protection, and compass her with Thy favor as with a shield. Dispose and enable the parents to give their child a Christian training, that so it may grow up to Thine honor and the joy of all true believers. Do this, O God, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

3. FOR THE CATECHUMENS.

Let us [We] pray for our catechumens, that they may be thoroughly grounded in the knowledge of the saving truth.

Almighty and eternal God, as another class of catechumens is entering upon a course of instruction preparing them for Holy Communion, we beseech Thee Thou wouldst by Thy Holy Spirit enlighten, strengthen, and sanctify their understandings, memories, hearts, and wills, that Thy name may be hallowed through them, Thy kingdom come to them, and Thy will be done by them. Do Thou also anoint their parents and sponsors with Thy grace, and dispose them to render faithful assistance by their example, admonition, and prayer, that these children may be made partakers of Thy perfect blessing, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and eternal God, our Heavenly Father, who in Holy Baptism didst begin Thy good work in these catechumens, and hast so far given success to their training, and improved our efforts and prayers in their behalf, that, being instructed in the Word of Truth, they now look forward to being admitted to the Lord's Supper: we beseech Thee, cause the last days and hours of their catechetical instruction to abound in blessings to their hearts and minds, that in the power of Thy Holy Spirit they may confess their faith with joy and boldness, and glorify and praise Thee as their faithful God and Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Savior. Amen.

4. FOR THE COMMUNICANTS.

Let us [We] also pray for our communicants.

Lord Jesus, who callest unto Thee all those that labor and are heavy laden, to refresh them and give rest unto their souls, we pray Thee, let these guests experience Thy love at the heavenly feast which Thou hast prepared for Thy children on earth. Keep them from impenitence and unbelief, that no one may partake of this holy Sacrament to his damnation. Take off from them the spotted garment of the flesh and of their own righteousness, and adorn them with the garment of the merit purchased with Thy blood. Strengthen their faith, increase their love and hope, and hereafter make them to sit at Thy heavenly table, where Thou wilt give those that are Thine to eat of the eternal manna and to drink of the river of Thy pleasure forevermore. Hear us for Thine own sake. Amen.

5. FOR PERSONS BETROTHED.

The following persons ——, desiring to enter the estate of matrimony, request the prayers of the congregation. (Or: I publish the Bans of Marriage between N., of ——, and N., of ——.) If any one can show just cause why they may not be joined together, let him now speak, or ever after hold his peace. (This is the FIRST *time of asking.)*

Let us pray!

Thou blessest, O Lord, and it shall be blessed forever. We beseech Thee, therefore, that Thou wilt vouchsafe unto these betrothed persons the rich blessings of Thy fatherly hand. Make them pure in heart, and give them grace to love and fear Thee, that they may together walk in the ways of Thy holy Word, and receive Thy gifts with thanksgiving. Above all, enable them to attain the prize of their high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Everlasting and living God, as the estate of matrimony ordained by Thee is a holy estate, and to be kept holy by us, we pray Thee to anoint these betrothed persons with Thy Spirit, that they may enter into this estate in Thy name, continue it to Thine honor and their own welfare, and conclude it, with Thy help, in joy and bliss. Even in life and death be Thou their God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, their Savior. Amen.

O most holy God, who art the Author of the marriage covenant, and desirest us to keep it holy, we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst behold with favor these Thy servants who intend to have their betrothment sanctified by Thy Word, and to supplicate the

blessing once pronounced upon all whom Thou dost join together. Do Thou consecrate and sanctify them, O God, that they may begin their wedded life with Thee; and grant them grace ever to remember with gladness that Thou hast united them. Enter into their hearts with Thy fear and into their home with Thy blessing. Hear us for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

6. FOR THE SICK.

We pray to God [Thee] in behalf of a sick BROTHER, for whom, in his great distress, our intercession is desired.

O Lord, our God, who art the Physician of our souls and of our bodies; who chastenest and again Thou healest: we beseech Thee mercifully to regard Thy *servant,* [N.,] for whom we pray that *his* life may be spared, and *his* strength restored. O Thou, who didst give Thy Son to bear our sicknesses and carry our sorrows, for His sake deal compassionately with this Thy servant, and send upon *him* Thy healing power and virtue, both in *his* body and in *his* soul and spirit. Into Thy hands we commit *him;* unto Thy gracious mercy and protection we commend *him,* as unto a faithful and merciful Savior, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only Help in time of need, look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, behold, visit, and relieve this Thy sick *servant,* for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon *him* with the eyes of Thy mercy, comfort *him* with a sense of Thy goodness, preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy, give *him* patience under *his* affliction, and in Thy good time restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the rest of *his* life in Thy fear and to Thy glory. Or else give *him* grace so to take Thy visitation that, after this painful life is ended, *he* may dwell with Thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(FOR A SICK CHILD.)

O almighty God, our Father in heaven, have pity upon the young child, [N.,] now lying upon the bed of sickness. Spare the life which Thou hast given, and relieve the pains of the helpless; direct the ministry of healing for *his* recovery, and revive *his* spirit, that the frailty of the body may pass away; renew *his* strength both inwardly and outwardly, and grant unto *him* many years on earth, to serve Thee faithfully by doing good

in *his* generation. Nevertheless, O Father, whatsoever Thy will be concerning *this child,* we know that *he* is in Thy keeping, and we pray that *his* soul may be Thine forever and ever, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death, look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of Thy mercy upon the sick child for whom our prayers are desired. Deliver *him,* O Lord, in Thy good, appointed time, from *his* bodily pain, and visit *him* with Thy salvation, that, if it should be Thy good pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to Thee and be an instrument of Thy glory by serving Thee faithfully and doing good in *his* generation. Or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy eternal rest and happiness. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of Thy Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(FOR ONE WHO IS NEAR TO DEATH.)

Eternal God, to whom belong the issues of life and death, we implore Thy mercy for Thy *servant,* [N.,] whose time of departure seemeth to be near at hand. With Thee there is nothing impossible, and Thou canst raise *him* up even yet and prolong *his* earthly pilgrimage, if it be Thy will; but if not, O God, be gracious unto *him,* and prepare him to yield *his* soul unto Thee. Give unto *him* sincere repentance, true faith, abundant forgiveness, and a heavenly hope; suffer *him* not, in the last hour, for any pain or fear of death, to fall away from Thee, but let Thine everlasting arms be underneath *him,* and grant *him* a peaceful departure and a happy entrance into eternal rest; through the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

(FOR ONE RESTORED FROM SICKNESS.)

O God, who art the Giver of life, of health, and of safety, we bless Thy name that Thou hast been pleased to deliver from *his* bodily sickness Thy *servant,* [N.,] who now desireth to return thanks unto Thee in the presence of Thy people. Gracious art Thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May *his* heart be daily impressed with a sense of Thy merciful goodness, and may *he* devote the rest of *his* days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

7. AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A DEATH.

It hath pleased Almighty God to summon out of this vale of tears to our eternal home the soul of N., who departed this life on the ——, at the age of ——; his [her] mortal remains will be [have been] committed to the ground ——, the service being [having been] held at ——.

(AT THE DEATH OF A YOUNG CHILD.)

O Thou living and everlasting God, who turnest man to destruction and sayest, "Return, ye children of men," we thank Thee for all the mercies which, during *his* short life upon earth, Thou hast shown unto this child now taken into Thine everlasting rest. We pray Thee, grant *his* body sweet sleep in the grave, but on the last day awaken *him* to appear with joy before Thy presence. Cause *his* parents to know Thy will, that they may be comforted, and the wounds which Thou hast inflicted may be healed. Let them bear in mind the power of Holy Baptism, by which their beloved child is now delivered from sin and from the perils and miseries of this present world, and has been received among Thy saints perfected. And we, who still live in the body, beseech Thee to strengthen and keep us in Thy grace, that so, when our last hour shall come, we may depart in peace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(AT THE DEATH OF A CHRISTIAN BROTHER OR SISTER.)

O Lord God, Thou Lord of life and death, who turnest man to destruction and sayest, "Return, ye children of men," we give Thee thanks for all the mercies which during *his* life Thou didst bestow upon this our beloved *brother* now fallen asleep; and especially do we bless Thee for having brought *him* to the knowledge of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ. We pray Thee, comfort the survivors with Thine everlasting comfort, and cheer them with the sweet hope of a blessed reunion in heaven. Grant to the lifeless body rest in the bosom of the earth, and hereafter, together with us all, a joyful resurrection to life everlasting. Teach us all to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom and finally be saved; through Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(AT A SUDDEN DEATH.)

O Lord God, Thou Lord of life and death, who turnest man to destruction and sayest, "Return, ye children of men," we humbly give Thee thanks for all the benefits of body and

soul which during *his* life Thou hast bestowed upon the deceased, who hath been so suddenly called away. We pray Thee to comfort all the survivors, who mourn *his* death, and to awaken us all to sincere repentance and true faith, that in the hour of our departure we may commit our souls and bodies into Thy hands, fall asleep with joy unto eternal life, and finally rise again on the last day in bliss and glory; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

8. DURING A VACANCY IN A CHURCH.

O Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, this Thy flock being without a pastor, we entreat Thee, turn Thine eyes upon these Thy people and graciously regard their need. Let them continue steadfast in Thy pure Word, and send them in Thine own good time a faithful steward of Thy mysteries, who, holding fast the confession of the truth, shall feed Thy flock in singleness of mind. As Thou hast planted Thy vineyard in this place, do Thou visit it and water it abundantly with the dew of Thy blessing by Thy holy Word. Grant unto Thy Church peace, unity, safety, and prosperity; and establish Thy work by the power of Thy Spirit to the glory of Thy name and the salvation of immortal souls, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

9. IN TIME OF DROUGHT AND FAMINE.

See Collects and Prayers, No. 40.

10. IN TIME OF UNSEASONABLE WEATHER.

See Collects and Prayers, No. 41.

11. IN TIME OF PESTILENCE.

Holy and mighty Lord, who hast promised, "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling," we beseech Thee to hear our cry for those who are suffering and dying [in ——] under the visitation of disease. Mercifully bless the means which are used to stay the spread of sickness, strengthen those who labor to heal and comfort the afflicted, support those who are in pain and distress, speedily restore those who have been brought low, and unto all who are beyond healing grant Thy heavenly consolation and Thy saving grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

12. AFTER A GREAT DISASTER.

Almighty God, who art a very present Help in time of trouble, let not the heart of Thy people fail when fear cometh, but do Thou sustain and comfort them until these calamities be overpassed; and since Thou knowest the cause and reason why this grievous disaster [of fire, flood, earthquake, shipwreck, storm, or other trouble] hath fallen upon men, so do Thou forgive our sins, heal the hurt and wounded, console the bereaved and afflicted, protect the innocent and helpless, and deliver any who are still in peril; for the sake of Thy great mercy in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

13. IN TIME OF INSURRECTIONS AND TUMULTS.

O almighty Lord God, who alone riddest away tyrants, and stillest the noise and tumult of the people, stir up Thy great strength, we beseech Thee, and come and help us; scatter the counsels of them that secretly devise mischief, and do Thou bring the dealings of the violent to naught; cast down the unjust from high places, and cause the unruly to cease from troubling; allay all envious and malicious passions, and subdue the haters and evil-doers, that our land may have rest before Thee, and that all the people may praise Thee, our Help and our Shield, both now and evermore. Amen.

14. IN TIME OF WAR.

O almighty God, supreme Ruler and Governor of all things, who art a strong tower of defense to them that fear Thee, and whose power no creature is able to resist: unto Thee do we cry in the hour of our country's need. To Thee it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to those who repent. Save and deliver us, we humbly beseech Thee, from the hands of our enemies; abate their pride, check their malice, and confound their devices, that we, being armed with Thy defense, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify Thee, who art the only Giver of all victory; through the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O Lord God of infinite mercy, we humbly beseech Thee to look down upon the nations now engaged in war. Reckon not against Thy people their many iniquities, for from the lusts of our own hearts come wars and fighting amongst us. Look in

mercy on those immediately exposed to peril, conflict, sickness, and death; comfort the prisoners, relieve the sufferings of the wounded, and show mercy to the dying. Remove in Thy good providence all causes and occasions of war, dispose the hearts of those engaged therein to moderation, and of Thy great goodness restore peace among the nations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

15. IN TIME OF PEACE RESTORED.

We thank Thee, most gracious God and Father, who hast put an end to the horrors of war, and delivered us from the hand of our enemies; we thank Thee for Thy mercy and truth, and glorify Thy name, and our lips do greatly rejoice; for Thou hast not regarded our sin and our iniquity, but hast dealt with us according to Thy unmerited grace, and hast heard our humble requests. Bind up, we heartily beseech Thee, and heal the wounds which war hath inflicted on our country. Plant and build again what hath been laid waste and made desolate. Especially do we beseech Thee, of Thy mercy, to remember those who have been visited by the havoc of war, and let them find Thy fatherly heart and Thy bountiful hand open towards them. Preserve and keep unto us the blessing of peace. Restrain the evil counsel of those who devise mischief continually and sow discord; bring to naught their crafty counsel, and make their knowledge foolish. Scatter Thou the people that delight in war: break the bow, and cut the spear in sunder; break the sword and the battle by Thy strong arm, that men, overwhelmed with fear and terror, may desist from the ways of violence and oppression. Unite the hearts of the mighty ones on earth, and establish peace and concord between them, and set thereon, by the Spirit of Thy grace, the seal of permanence and of blessing. Grant that we all may dwell together in unity and peace, and let all mutual offenses and hatred and ill-will be removed. But above all grant us that peace which the world can neither give nor take away, and grant us grace that we may be delivered from every conflict and strife, dwell in the tabernacles of peace, and, in the rest of the saints and of the blessed, praise, bless, worship, and glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

General Prayers.

I.

THE LITANY.

The* LITANY *may be used at* EVENING SERVICE *on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, on Days of Humiliation and Prayer, and at* MORNING SERVICE *on Sundays when there is no Communion. The Responses in italics should be chanted or said by the Congregation. The Responses may be repeated after each phrase, or only at the end of each group, as here followeth:

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
O God the Father in heaven;
Have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;
Have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Ghost;
Have mercy upon us.
Be gracious unto us.
Spare us, good Lord.
Be gracious unto us.
Help us, good Lord.
From all sin;
From all error;
From all evil:
Good Lord, deliver us.
From the crafts and assaults of the devil;
From sudden and evil death;
From pestilence and famine;
From war and bloodshed;
From sedition and rebellion;
From lightning and tempest;
From all calamity by fire and water;
And from everlasting death:
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation;
By Thy holy Nativity;
By Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation;
By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat;
By Thy Cross and Passion;
By Thy precious Death and Burial;
By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension;
And by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter:

Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation;
In all time of our prosperity;
In the hour of death;
And in the Day of Judgment:

Help us, good Lord.

We poor sinners do beseech Thee:

To hear us, O Lord God.

And to rule and govern Thy holy Christian Church;
To preserve all pastors and ministers of Thy Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word, and in holiness of life;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense;

To bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet;

To send faithful laborers into Thy harvest;

To accompany Thy Word with Thy Spirit and grace;

To raise up them that fall, and to strengthen such as do stand;

And to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the distressed:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

To give to all nations peace and concord;
To preserve our country from discord and contention;
To give to our nation perpetual victory over all its enemies;
To direct and defend our President, and all in authority;
And to bless and keep our magistrates, and all our people:

We beseech. Thee to hear us, good Lord.

To behold and succor all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

To protect all who travel by land or water;

To preserve all women in the perils of childbirth;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children;

To set free all who are innocently imprisoned;

To defend and provide for all fatherless children and widows;

And to have mercy upon all men:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

To give and preserve to our use the fruits of the earth;

And graciously to hear our prayers:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;

Grant us Thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Then shall the Minister, and the Congregation with him, say the* LORD'S PRAYER, *after which may be said one or more of the* LITANY COLLECTS *here following.

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

LITANY COLLECTS.

1.

Minister. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

Congregation. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his evil way and live: we beseech Thee graciously to turn from us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved, and to grant us grace ever hereafter to serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

2.

M. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name.

C. Deliver us, and purge away our sins for Thy name's sake.

Almighty and everlasting God, who by Thy Holy Spirit dost govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church: hear our prayers for all members of the same, and mercifully grant that by Thy grace they may serve Thee in true faith; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

3.

M. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

C. Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O God, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful: mercifully assist our prayers which we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us may, by Thy good providence, be brought to naught; that we, Thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

4.

M. O Lord, enter not into judgment with Thy servant.

C. For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Almighty God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

5.

M. Call upon Me in the day of trouble.

C. I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me.

Spare us, O Lord, and mercifully forgive us our sins, and though by our continual transgressions we have merited Thy punishments, be gracious unto us, and grant that all those evils which we have deserved, may be turned from us and overrruled to our everlasting good; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

6.

FOR PEACE.

M. The Lord will give strength unto His people.

C. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior. *Amen.*

II.

THE SUFFRAGES.

***The* SUFFRAGES *may be used at* EARLY *or* EVENING SERVICE *in the same manner as the* LITANY.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation;

But deliver us from evil.

I said, O Lord, be merciful unto me;

Heal my soul; for I have sinned against Thee.

Return, O Lord, how long?
And let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.
Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us;
According as we hope in Thee.
Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness;
And let Thy saints shout for joy.
O Lord, save our rulers;
Let the King hear us when we call.
Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance.
Feed them also, and lift them up forever.
Remember Thy congregation;
Which Thou hast purchased of old.
Peace be within thy walls;
And prosperity within thy palaces.
Let us pray for our absent brethren.
O Thou, our God, save Thy servants that trust in Thee.
Let us pray for the broken-hearted and the captives.
Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.
Send them help from the Sanctuary;
And strengthen them out of Zion.
Hear my prayer, O Lord;
And let my cry come unto Thee.

***Then may be said responsively, by the Minister and Congregation, the Psalm* DE PROFUNDIS *at* EARLY MORNING SERVICE, *and at* EVENING SERVICE *the Psalm* MISERERE MEI.**

PS. 130. DE PROFUNDIS.

Out of the depths have I cried:
Unto Thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice:
Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.
If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities:
O Lord, who shall stand?
But there is forgiveness with Thee:
That Thou mayest be feared.
I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait:
And in His Word do I hope.
My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning:
I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord:

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel:

From all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Or at Evening Service.

Ps. 51. Miserere Mei.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness:

According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity:

And cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions:

And my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned and done this evil in Thy sight:

That Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest, and be clear when Thou judgest.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity:

And in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts:

And in the hidden part shalt Thou make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness:

That the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide Thy face from my sins:

And blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God:

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence:

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation:

And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways:
And sinners shall be converted unto Thee.
Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation:
And my tongue shall sing aloud Thy righteousness.
O Lord, open Thou my lips:
And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.
For Thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it:
Thou delightest not in burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.
Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion:
Build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.
Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering:
Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then shall be said:

Turn us again, O God of hosts:
Cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.
Arise, O Christ, for our help:
And redeem us for Thy mercy's sake.
Hear my prayer, O Lord:
And let my cry come unto Thee.
The Lord be with you:
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

***Then may the Minister say a* COLLECT *for the Season and any other suitable* COLLECTS, *and after that he may say this* COLLECT FOR PEACE:**

Give peace in our days, O Lord:
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, except Thou, our God.
O Lord, let there be peace in Thy strength:
And abundance in Thy towers.

Let us pray.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior. *Amen.*

Then may be chanted or said the

BENEDICAMUS.

Bless we the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

III.

THE MORNING SUFFRAGES.

To be said at EARLY MORNING SERVICE ***or in the*** MORNING PRAYER OF THE HOUSEHOLD.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then shall all say the LORD'S PRAYER ***and the*** APOSTLES' CREED:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord:
And in the morning shall my prayer prevent Thee.
Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise:
And with Thy honor all the day.
O Lord, hide Thy face from my sins:
And blot out all mine iniquities.
Create in me, O God, a clean heart:
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence:
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation:
And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day:
To keep us without sin.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord:
Have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us:
As our trust is in Thee.
Hear my prayer, O Lord:
And let my cry come unto Thee.
The Lord be with you:
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Then shall be said the prayer here following, or No. 46, or No. 60 of the* COLLECTS *and* PRAYERS, *or any other suitable prayer.

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast kept us this night from all harm and danger; and we pray Thee that Thou wouldst keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all our doings and life may please Thee. For into Thy hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us. *Amen.*

BENEDICAMUS.

Bless we the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

IV.

THE EVENING SUFFRAGES.

To be used at EVENING SERVICE, *or at the* EVENING PRAYER OF THE HOUSEHOLD.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Then shall all say:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers:

And greatly to be praised and glorified forever.

Bless we the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost:

We praise and magnify Him forever.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:

And greatly to be praised, and glorified, and highly exalted forever.

The almighty and merciful Lord bless and preserve us.

Amen.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night:

To keep us without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us:

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us:
As our trust is in Thee.
Hear my prayer, O Lord:
And let my cry come unto Thee.
The Lord be with you:
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Then shall be said the prayer here following, or No. 47 of the COLLECTS *and* PRAYERS, *or any other suitable prayer.*

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast graciously kept us this day; and we pray Thee that Thou wouldst forgive us all our sins where we have done wrong, and graciously keep us this night. For into Thy hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us. *Amen.*

BENEDICAMUS.

Bless we the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

V.

THE BIDDING PRAYER.

By ancient usage this prayer was specially appointed for Good Friday.

Brethren, let us pray for the whole *Christian Church*, that our Lord God would vouchsafe to defend it against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary, and to keep it perpetually upon the true foundation, Jesus Christ.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast revealed Thy glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and the word of His truth: keep, we beseech Thee, in safety the works of Thy mercy, that so Thy Church, spread throughout all nations, may serve Thee in true faith, and persevere in the confession of Thy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the *Ministers* of the Word, for all *estates* of men in the Church, and for all the *people of God.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: receive our sup-

plications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for our *Catechumens,* that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy, that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their baptismal covenant, and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost always multiply Thy Church, and with Thy light and grace dost strengthen the hearts of those whom Thou hast regenerated, confirming unto them Thy covenant and faithfulness: grant unto our Catechumens increase both of faith and knowledge, that they may rejoice in their Baptism, and really and heartily renew their covenant with Thee. *Amen.*

Let us pray *for all in authority,* and especially for the Government of the United States, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

O merciful Father in heaven, who holdest in Thy hand all the might of man, and who hast ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well, and of whom is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world: we humbly beseech Thee, graciously regard Thy servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, our judges and magistrates, and all the rulers of the earth, that all who receive the sword, as Thy ministers, may bear it according to Thy commandment; through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all *error,* take away *disease,* ward off *famine,* open the *prisons,* set free *those in bondage,* grant a safe return to the *wayfarers,* health to the *sick,* and to our *mariners* a harbor of security.

Almighty and everlasting God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Strength of the weak: may the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto Thee graciously come before Thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Thy manifold help and comfort; through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Here may be offered prayers for Schismatics, Jews, and Heathen.
See COLLECTS AND PRAYERS *19—24.*

Let us pray for *peace,* that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word, and walk before Him as becometh Christians.

Almighty and everlasting God, King of glory and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, who art the God of peace and the Author of all concord: grant us, we beseech Thee, Thy heavenly peace and concord, that we may serve Thee in true fear, to the praise and glory of Thy name; through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for our *enemies,* that God would remember them in mercy, and graciously vouchsafe unto them such things as are both needful for them and profitable unto their salvation.

O almighty, everlasting God, who through Thine only Son, our blessed Lord, hast commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to them that hate us, and to pray for them that persecute us: we earnestly beseech Thee that by Thy gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance, and may have the same love, and be of one accord and of one mind and heart, with us and with Thy whole Christian Church; through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the *fruits of the earth,* that God would send down His blessing upon them, and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them in submission to His holy will.

O Lord, Father Almighty, who by Thy Word hast created and dost bless and uphold all things: we pray Thee so to reveal unto us Thy Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, that, He dwelling in our hearts, we may by Thy grace be made meet to receive Thy blessing on all the fruits of the earth, and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

VI.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art worthy to be had in reverence by all the children of men, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for the innumerable blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which, without any merit or worthiness on our part, Thou hast bestowed upon us.

We praise Thee, especially, that Thou hast preserved unto us, in their purity, Thy saving Word and the sacred ordinances of Thy house. And we beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant and preserve unto Thy holy Church, throughout the world, purity of doctrine, and faithful pastors, who shall preach Thy Word with power; and help all who hear rightly to understand and truly to believe the same. Be Thou the Protector and Defender of Thy people in all time of tribulation and danger; and may we, in communion with Thy Church, and in brotherly unity with all our fellow-Christians, fight the good fight of faith, and in the end receive the salvation of our souls.

Bestow Thy grace upon all the nations of the earth. Especially do we entreat Thee to bless our land, and all its inhabitants, and all who are in authority. Cause Thy glory to dwell among us, and let mercy and truth, righteousness and peace, everywhere prevail. To this end we commend to Thy care all our schools, and pray Thee to make them nurseries of useful knowledge and of Christian virtues, that they may bring forth the wholesome fruits of life.

Graciously defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper every one in his appropriate calling, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Be Thou the God and Father of the widow and the fatherless children, the Helper of the sick and the needy, and the Comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made.

And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come, doing the work which Thou hast given us to do while it is day, before the night cometh when no man can work. And when our last hour shall come, support us by Thy power, and receive us into Thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, forever and ever. *Amen.*

VII.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but, above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives: that, walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, we may enjoy the testimony of a good conscience and the hope of Thy favor, be sustained and comforted under the troubles of this life, and finally be received into Thine everlasting kingdom, through Thine infinite mercy in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We offer unto Thee our common supplications for the good estate of Thy Church throughout the world, that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel, and upon all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of Thy grace, and that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing.

Most heartily we beseech Thee with Thy favor to behold the President [and Congress] of the United States and all others in authority; and so replenish them with Thy grace that they may always incline to Thy will and walk in Thy way. Prosper all good counsels and all just works that peace and happiness, truth and righteousness, religion and piety, may be established among us throughout all generations.

We humbly entreat Thee also for all sorts and conditions of men, that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations.

May it please Thee to preserve all that travel by land or water; to succor all that are in peril or need; and to satisfy the wants of all Thy creatures.

We also commend to Thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate;

that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Here special Supplications, Intercessions, and Prayers may be made.

Hear us, most merciful God, in these our humble requests, which we offer up unto Thee in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

VIII.

Almighty and everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Lord of heaven and earth, we heartily beseech Thee to bestow Thy blessing upon Thy holy Christian Church with all its teachers and ministers, and to govern it by Thy Holy Spirit, that it may be preserved throughout the whole earth in the sound doctrine of Thy pure Word, and that so Thy kingdom may be extended, true faith awakened and strengthened, and love toward all men increased in us.

Furthermore we pray Thee, the Lord of lords, that Thou wouldst look with favor upon the land in which we dwell, preserve its liberties unimpaired, and promote perpetually both its temporal and spiritual welfare. Take into Thy gracious protection our Government and all persons in public office. Set them all to be instruments of Thy blessings, and crown them with loving-kindness and tender mercies forevermore, that under their government we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Especially we beseech Thee, let Thine eyes be open day and night upon this city (region) and all its inhabitants, and remember in mercy our own congregation. O Thou almighty Protector of Thy Church, dwell continually among us with Thy gracious assistance, do not leave us or forsake us, and prosper all endeavors for our temporal and eternal welfare by Thy divine benediction. Give unto us holy desires, good counsels, and just works.

Mercifully bless the education and instruction of the young, that they may grow up in Thy fear to the praise of Thy name. Especially we pray Thee to bless the institutions of learning

maintained in the true faith, for training faithful laborers in Thy vineyard.

To Thy gracious care and keeping we also commend those in all lands who are of the household of faith. Cause Thy face to shine upon them, O Lord, our God, and establish the work of their hands. Defend them by Thy mighty power from the perils and temptations they are exposed to, and unite their hearts to fear Thy name.

Prosper all endeavors to spread abroad Thy Gospel in the world, and extend the borders of Thy kingdom, that the uttermost parts of the earth may praise Thy name.

Give success to all Christian trades, professions, and occupations, and let every one in his appropriate calling live before Thee in all good conscience, and eat his own bread with rightcousness.

Graciously take into Thy fatherly care the sick and the needy, and all widows and orphans; preserve all mothers and their children; accompany all who travel by land or water in the ways of their calling; have mercy upon those who are in temptation, or are persecuted for Thy name's sake. Comfort them, O God, with Thy goodness, and deliver them at length according to Thy good pleasure.

Give and preserve to our use the needful fruits of the earth, that we may enjoy them in due time; defend us from lightning and tempest, from failure of harvest, from war and famine, from all calamity by fire and water, and from all other adversities. Abide among us with Thy blessings, O faithful Father, even unto our end, and let Thy Spirit nevermore depart from us, that we may live in Thy fear, die in Thy grace, and finally receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls.

Grant these and all our requests for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, and His precious blood, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, in equal majesty and glory, true God and man, blessed forever. *Amen.*

IX.

O Thou living God, eternal Father in heaven, we give Thee hearty thanks for the multitude of Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindnesses which have been ever of old, for creating us unto everlasting life, redeeming us through Christ from sin and

destruction, and sanctifying us and calling us by the Holy Spirit to the knowledge of Thy glory. O Lord, we are not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which daily Thou showest unto us. It is of Thy mercies that we are not consumed, because Thy compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness. May we day by day have an increasing sense of Thy bountiful goodness, and, being drawn to Thee by love, surrender and consecrate to Thee our own selves and all we possess, to the glory of Thy holy name. And as no unclean person shall stand in Thy sight, blot out our transgressions by the merits of Christ the Righteous, and grant us Thy grace, that we may not deceive ourselves by devising excuses for our sin, but, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, take up our cross and follow our Lord Jesus Christ.

Suffer not Thy Word to return unto Thee void; feed both old and young with the sincere milk of the Gospel; enlighten and sanctify the ministers of the Word; and cause all hearers to receive the Word, not with their ears only, but with their hearts. Encompass the whole Christian Church on earth and also this congregation with Thy perpetual mercy; stretch forth Thy right hand and Thy holy arm, and prevent the Wicked One from disquieting Thy children by his malicious devices. May it please Thee to bless, cherish, and preserve the vine which Thy right hand hath planted, that Thy name may be glorified.

Look with favor upon all civil rulers and those under their jurisdiction; upon churches and schools, parents and children, masters and servants, that they may faithfully discharge their several duties according to Thy will. Direct by Thy Holy Spirit the hearts of all who are invested with authority in our national and state governments, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and the maintenance of righteousness and order. Grant us peace, bless our daily bread, and deliver us from evil all our days.

Have mercy upon those nations that are still living in heathen darkness, and bring them to the knowledge of Thy dear Son. O Thou, who didst not create man in vain, send faithful laborers into Thy harvest, and strengthen those whom Thou hast sent, that they may proclaim Thy truth with boldness, not being ashamed of tribulations for the sake of the Gospel, but considering them an honor and precious adornment.

O faithful Father, we commend to Thy care all Thy believing children throughout the whole earth; and as Thou lovest Christ the Head, even so do Thou bless and increase His members according to Thy great goodness.

Let our prayer be a sweet incense and our faith a victory, that we may go forth in Thy power and knowledge, and overcome all evil. And when Thou art pleased to try us in the furnace of affliction, comfort us again, that we may behold Thy glory and praise Thee.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, hear our prayer, and do not let our petition fail us, for the sake of the perfect redemption and powerful intercession of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers for Festivals and Holidays.

ADVENT.

1.

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou King of Glory, King of kings and Lord of lords, the Son of the living God and Son of David, we thank Thee that Thou hast enabled us to enter once more upon the holy season of Advent. We are still living in the day of grace, which Thou didst so gloriously prepare by Thine advent into the flesh, having come into the world to seek and to save that which was lost. Thou didst hold Thy entry into Jerusalem; and when Thy people did not receive Thee, Thou hast turned Thyself to us poor heathen, and dost hold Thy entry among us by Thy holy Word and Sacraments.

O Thou, our Lord, come now unto Thy Church, which Thou hast purchased with Thy blood. Come with Thy gracious presence, that we may rejoice in Thee. Come and rule over us, that we may serve and follow Thee. Come with Thy love, humility, and perfect obedience, and let Thy lowliness become our glory. Come into the minds of Thy people, and bless us, for we are Thy heritage. Forgive us our sin, and do not in anger cast away Thy servants; for Thou art meek and gracious. Clothe us with

the garment of Thy righteousness, for Thou art the Righteous and Helper. Satisfy us with the abundance of Thy house; for Thou didst become poor for our sakes, that by Thy poverty we might be made rich.

Preserve, we beseech Thee, Thy beloved Church among us. Dwell and rule in the hearts of our baptized children; grant that the blind and froward sinners may turn to repentance; preserve Thy believers in a state of grace; strengthen the pastors and teachers of Thy holy Church, that they may proclaim Thy Word with boldness and power to the salvation of many souls. Preserve the ministers of Thy Word in purity of doctrine and holiness of life, that they may prepare the way for Thee to enter in. Grant that under the protection and equitable government of our civil magistrates Thy Church may thrive and Thy kingdom come to us. Dispose us all to contribute heartily and freely of our substance, the gift of Thy favor, that the work of Thy Church may be prospered and Thy entrance promoted. Make us willing to give up all we possess, if need be, for Thy sake, inasmuch as Thou also for our sake didst become poor, nay, the most destitute of men. Bestow upon us Thy grace, that, as Thy palm-trees, we may flourish beneath the very cross, set our affections on things above, and be watchful and ready to receive Thee with gladness and serve Thee with a pure heart, until we shall enter into the heavenly Jerusalem and lift up our voices to Thee in everlasting songs of praise. Hear us, Lord Jesus, for Thy holy name's sake. Amen.

2.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, by the mouths of Thy prophets and holy men of old, didst proclaim the advent of Thy Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Desire of all nations, the Hope of Israel, the Redeemer of the world: aid us, we beseech Thee, heartily to repent of all our sins, and so to humble ourselves that we may be prepared to receive Him with gladness, and to join in singing: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!

Arise, O Sun of Righteousness, with healing in Thy wings, that the nations which sit in darkness and in the shadow of death may behold Thy great light, and all flesh see the salvation of our God. O Thou true Light of the world, shine into our

hearts, and give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, that we may be changed into the same image, and fashioned into the likeness of Thine own glory.

Grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to pass the time of our sojourning here in fear, in daily watchfulness and prayer, ever looking for, and hastening unto, the day of Thy second coming, when Thou shalt appear again in the clouds of heaven, with all Thy holy angels, to be adored of all them that believe, and dreaded by such as have not obeyed, Thy Gospel. Let not that day come upon us unawares, or surprise us in unbelief and sin. And when Thou comest in Thy power, enable us with all saints to lift up our heads with joy, and behold the fulness of our redemption drawing nigh.

Hear us, O Thou eternal Son of the Father, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

3.

(Beginning of Church Year.)

O eternal, immortal, invisible, and only wise God, Thou hast brought us to the beginning of another church year, and we acknowledge with thankfulness all the mercies which Thou hast bestowed upon us from the beginning of our lives to this moment. We praise Thee for the preservation of our being from day to day. We thank Thee for food and raiment, for health and strength, for kind friends and benefactors, for peace and protection by day and for rest and safety by night, for the many advantages which Thou affordest us in this favored land, and for all our other blessings. But, above all, we heartily thank Thee for the gift of Thine only-begotten Son to be for men on earth the Savior from sin; for Thy mercy in having called us to a state of salvation through Jesus Christ; for the Church in which Thou hast placed us; for Thy faithful ministers; for Thy holy Word and the blessed Sacraments; and for the divine life and power dispensed to us from the abounding riches of Thy grace.

Remember for good, we beseech Thee, the Church which Thy right hand hath planted, and water it abundantly with the dew of Thy blessing.

Cause the Gospel of Thy dear Son to be preached with wisdom and power, and give us increase of grace meekly to hear and with pure affection to receive the Word of the lowly Son of Man, that, accepting Him as the Way, the Truth, and the Life,

our only Redeemer, we may be united unto Thee by faith, and walk in the way of Thy commandments all our days.

Dwell in the hearts of our baptized children, that they may sing hosannas unto Thee; and add to Thy Church daily such as believe and are saved.

Prosper all endeavors to spread abroad Thy Gospel in the world. Show Thy truth unto them that are in error; teach Thy ways unto the wicked, and let sinners be converted unto Thee.

Strengthen the weak, comfort the afflicted, and sanctify the faithful through Thy truth.

Vouchsafe Thy favor unto our land; and grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance that Thy people may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness.

O Thou God of peace, sanctify us wholly, that our whole spirit, and soul, and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful art Thou, who hast called us, who also wilt do it, to the praise of Thy holy name, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

CHRISTMAS.

1.

O Thou God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whose grace we are permitted once more to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we come into Thy presence with holy joy to praise and magnify Thee that Thou hast gloriously fulfilled Thy promises, given to our first parents after the Fall, to the patriarchs, to Moses and the prophets, and to all Thine ancient people, who waited in hope for the salvation of Israel. Accept, we beseech Thee, our humble tribute of praise and thanksgiving, and grant that through the birth of Thy Son we may be born again in the spirit unto the blessed hope of everlasting life.

O Jesus, Thou Son of God, we bless Thee for becoming flesh of our flesh, and for enriching us with inestimable gifts from the treasuries of Thy grace. Thou hast made reconciliation for iniquity, so that now we have peace with God and access unto the Father. Thou didst become the Son of Man, that we might be made the children of God in Thee. Bestow upon us a simple, childlike faith, that in Thy lowliness we may adore

Thee; and give us grace to behold the glory shining through the veil of Thy humanity, the glory of the Only-Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. Speak to us the words of life, that, as Thou hast loved us, so also we may love Thee. Be our Light in darkness, our Abundance in want, and our very present Help in trouble. And as Thou didst descend from heaven to earth for our salvation, so may we have power to ascend from earth to heaven, to the glory of Thy great and adorable name.

O Holy Spirit, we praise Thee for Thy holy comfort and faithful guidance. Incline our hearts to meditate devoutly on the sublime mystery of the Nativity, and help us to embrace our Redeemer, in true faith, as our most precious possession. Fill our hearts with peace, and comfort, and hope, and life, and joy in Him. Let us so keep the feast that at its close, with Thy benediction upon us, we may resume the burdens of our several callings, rejoicing in our salvation, and delighting to do Thy will. And when our Lord shall come again, in the clouds of heaven, with all His holy angels, may we be like Him in the kingdom of His glory.

O Holy Trinity, who wouldst be praised for mercy rather than judgment, we glorify Thee; for Thou hast had respect unto the lowly. Let the covenant of peace endure forevermore, that we may rejoice in Thee, world without end. Amen.

2.

(The God-Man, Our Savior.)

O Thou great and glorious Redeemer, who art Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, Lamb of God, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, King of kings and Lord of lords, Emmanuel, God with us! For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. But chiefly at this time we adore Thee for leaving the glory which Thou hadst with the Father before the world began. We know Thy grace, O Lord Jesus Christ, that, though Thou wast rich, yet for our sakes Thou didst become poor, that we, through Thy poverty, might be made rich. We beseech Thee, by the

mystery of Thy holy Incarnation and Nativity, good Lord, deliver us. Thou who didst come that we might have life, and wast called Jesus that Thou mightest save Thy people from their sins, be gracious unto us and save us. And grant that we, being regenerate and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit, and follow the steps of Thy most holy life; ever remembering that Thou gavest Thyself for us, to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify us unto Thyself a peculiar people, zealous unto good works. Let the glad tidings which we commemorate this day be made known to all people. May the root which hath sprung out of Jesse send forth branches on the right hand and on the left. And as, at Thy first coming, Thou didst send Thy messengers to prepare Thy way before Thee, we beseech Thee to grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight. Amen.

Second Christmas Day.

O almighty and most merciful Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast fulfilled Thine ancient promises and given us, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, praise and glory and honor be to Thee; for, of Thy unspeakable love, Thou didst humble Thyself, that we might be exalted; Thou wast made man, that we might be made heirs of God and fellow-heirs with Thee; Thou didst take upon Thee the form of a servant, that we might be renewed into the image of God; we sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, but Thou hast brought us light and life and peace and joy.

O Holy Spirit, we praise and bless Thee for making known to us and to all mankind, by the preaching of the Gospel, the joyful tidings of the holy Nativity; and we beseech Thee, quicken us by Thy grace and power, that we may not hear the Christmas message with passing wonderment only, but, like Mary, ponder it in our hearts, that it may kindle in us the light of true faith and the fire of fervent love. Let us not be turned aside by doubts or fears, but, like the shepherds, trusting fully in Thy Word, come with haste to see the things which have come to pass, accept them for our salvation, make known abroad,

as we have opportunity, the great joy which shall be to all people, and glorify and praise God for the marvels of His grace and love.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

1.

(Praise and Trust.)

O our Heavenly Father, who art God from everlasting to everlasting, we thank Thee for the innumerable blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon us during the past year. We have, indeed, been all unworthy of Thy favors, and have in many ways requited Thy goodness with ingratitude, by abusing Thy gifts and transgressing Thy holy commandments; and Thou mightest justly have visited us for our iniquity by causing Thy mercies altogether to cease among us.

But Thou art a gracious God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity; sparing us when we deserve punishment, and in the midst of judgment remembering mercy. Thou hast, for Thy dear Son's sake, cast all our sins behind Thy back and healed all our diseases. Thou hast delivered us from many perils, and upheld us in all our troubles. Thou hast established peace within our borders, and continued unto us Thy Word and the sacred ordinances of Thy house. In Thy bounty we have found sustenance, and enjoyed good health through Thy preservation. All we have Thou alone gavest us.

O God, the passing years remind us of our frailty. We are dust and ashes. Our years pass away like a shadow, or a vapor, which appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away. Amid the manifold changes and vicissitudes of this transitory world, Thou alone abidest forever. Thou art our dwelling-place in all generations. Thou art our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. We praise Thee with our whole heart in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation. Accept our praise, O Lord, and show us Thy salvation forevermore, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2.

(Repentance.)

O Lord of heaven and earth, the Author of life and Preserver of our being, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for Thy goodness and mercy which have followed us all our days, and especially do we bless Thee for Thy manifold blessings during the year now drawing to a close.

Thou hast granted us life and favor, blessed the work of our hands, given us meat in due season, and crowned the year with Thy goodness. Thou hast defended our country from war and bloodshed, from plague and famine, and from other calamities. Thou hast guarded our homes and sheltered us under the shadow of Thy wings. Thou hast preserved Thy Church among us and kept us from falling away, blessing us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly things in Christ.

Lord, what are we that Thou shouldst be so mindful of us and so gracious unto us! Our misdeeds testify against us. Our sins are all naked and open unto Thee, and none can tell but Thou how many and great they are. Therefore we again humble ourselves before Thee, confessing and lamenting all that we have done amiss. For the sake of Thine only-begotten Son, pardon and blot out our offenses, our ingratitude, our indifference to Thy gracious Word, our unbelief and disobedience, our uncharitableness in thought, word, and deed; cleanse us from our sins, and let them all be buried with the closing year, to rise up against us no more forever.

Keep us mindful, O Lord, as the years of our life pass away, that we are strangers and pilgrims upon earth, and that the end of all things is at hand. Teach us to number our days, and to redeem the time that remaineth. Let us, therefore, with the old year put off the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and put on the new man, which after Thee is created in righteousness and true holiness. Make us sober and watchful unto prayer, let us continually walk in Thy fear, and help us to keep the faith. Let us give to Thee the best of our days, and not weary ourselves for very vanity. May we always be ready, with our loins girt about, and our lights burning, for Thy coming. And when our flesh and our heart fail us, be Thou our Strength and our Portion forever. Hear us for Thy dear Son's sake. Amen.

THE NEW YEAR.

1.

(The Flight of Time and God's Enduring Mercy.)

O almighty God, who art from everlasting to everlasting and unchangeable in Thy gracious dealings with the children of men; our Maker, Preserver, and most bountiful Benefactor: we bring Thee blessing and worship and praise on this, the first morning of the year. Thou hast during the past year crowned our lives with innumerable blessings, granting us peace and health and daily bread, protecting our homes and our bodies and souls from every evil, and continuing unto us the possession of Thy holy Word. O Lord, we are not worthy of the least of all the mercies and the truth which Thou hast shown unto Thy servants; and if Thou shouldst now enter into judgment with us, we could not stand. But Thou art merciful and gracious, and art pleased to blot out our transgressions from Thy remembrance for Thy name's sake. We praise Thee for the gift of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our only Redeemer, and take refuge in the merits of Him who taketh away the sins of the world.

We give Thee thanks also for sparing us from year to year, and for having given us further space for amendment through trials. Mercifully grant that with this new year we may begin a new life. Deliver us, not only from the guilt of sin, but also from its power and dominion. Govern us by Thy gracious Spirit, and quicken us in the way of righteousness, that we may set out afresh in our Christian course. Give us a due sense of the rapid flight of time, the certainty of death, and the Judgment to come. Help us to bear in mind that we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, and direct our desires to the city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. May we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. Give us grace to watch and pray, that, as becometh Christians, we may praise Thee with holiness of living, and be always ready for Thy coming.

Heavenly Father, take us and the whole human family under the wings of Thy gracious protection for this new year of our earthly pilgrimage. Let us experience the continuance

and renewal of all Thy wonted mercies. Grant peace to our land, health to our bodies, and joy to our souls. Pour down the choicest blessings on all men, according to their various wants, and teach them to use the world without abusing it, seeing that the fashion of it passeth away. Prepare us for all the duties, trials, and afflictions of the new year. Comfort us in every distress, and enable us to work with all our might while it is day, before the night cometh when no man can work. And should this year be our last on earth, grant that we may depart hence with triumphant faith, and enter into the mansions of eternal rest and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. Amen.

2.

(The Circumcision of Christ.)

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Savior of the world, who, being made man for our sakes, didst endure the circumcision of the flesh to satisfy the demands of the Law and the eternal justice of God by Thy perfect obedience, that we might obtain the forgiveness of sins in Thy name: we praise Thee for Thy goodness, and glorify Thy marvelous works for our salvation. And we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst count Thy perfect merit unto our faith for righteousness, and plead our cause when our misdeeds rise up to testify against us. Teach us to reverence and faithfully to use Thy Word and the blessed Sacraments, cleanse us daily from our sins with Thy precious blood, and grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit, that we may by faith be consecrated, as instruments of righteousness, to Thy service. Give us grace to withstand all temptations, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, loving the thing which Thou commandest, and desiring only what Thou hast promised, that so, among the manifold changes of this present world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found. Sustain us in our trials, keep us in the path in which we should go, and hereafter receive us into the kingdom of Thy glory. Amen.

3.

(The Name Jesus and Petitions.)

O Lord, we thank Thee that Thy name was called Jesus, and that Thou art the Savior of all men; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must

be saved. To Thee, therefore, we confess all our sins, wherein we are conceived and born, and with which from our youth and during the past year we have offended Thy heavenly Father. For Thy name's sake, have mercy upon us, and let us obtain pardon and peace and joy in Thee.

And as Thou hast brought us safely to the beginning of another year, we beseech Thee, make this new year to us a year of salvation. We cross its threshold in Thy name. Thy name shall be our refuge and only hiding-place. Grave it upon our hearts, and let us daily experience its gracious power and enjoy Thy consolations, that our prayer may be sweet incense before God. Renew our hearts, and sanctify us by Thy Spirit. Let us first seek Thy kingdom, and do Thou give us all other things needful for us.

Bless Thy Church, which Thou hast purchased with Thine own blood; give free course to Thy Word, that Thy kingdom may be extended to the ends of the earth. Look down in mercy also upon our congregation, and preserve among us the preaching of Thy pure Word and the right use of the holy Sacraments. Suffer not Thy Word to return unto Thee void, but open the hearts of the hearers to receive it with gladness and to yield it ready obedience. Take our school into Thy care, and endow the teachers with faithfulness, patience, and love, to lead our children to Thee.

Do Thou in the new year bless our country and all its inhabitants; endue those in authority with wisdom and power to administer justice and to labor for the common weal; establish peace within our borders and upon all the earth; give success to commerce and all useful arts, and prosper the work of our hands; favor us with seasonable weather, give us our daily bread, and preserve us from sickness and all other mischances. Crown the year with Thy goodness, that Thy glory may dwell in our land.

Watch over our homes, bless them with peace and happiness, and grant that all parents and heads of families may govern their households in true godliness, bringing up their children in Thy fear. Direct by Thy Spirit those young in years, adorning them with the garment of discretion, that they may flourish like unto lilies in the garden of the Lord. Preserve the rich and prosperous from worldly pride, and the poor and needy from

murmurings, envyings, and discontent. Provide for widows and orphans, and all that are desolate and afflicted, and have mercy upon all sick persons. When the righteous cry, may it please Thee to hear and to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

As all our days were recorded in Thy book before the first of them was fashioned, we commit ourselves into Thy hands. Hear us when we call upon Thee. Defend us from all evil of body and soul, and bless us as Thou best knowest. Help us in the new year to walk in newness of life, loving and doing Thy commandments while it is called To-day, that so, if this year be our last on earth, we may at the appointed hour close our mortal life in peace, and begin the great new year of Eternity in Thy blissful presence, where with all the angels and the elect we shall ascribe to Thee blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, forever and ever.

Hear us, Lord Jesus, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

4.

O eternal and almighty God, we give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, which, without any merit or worthiness in us, Thou hast bestowed upon us in the year past, and we beseech Thee that in the new year Thou wouldst grant peace to our land, health to our bodies, and true joy to our souls, and let us experience the continuance and renewal of all Thy wonted mercies.

O Lord Jesus, our faithful Savior, we thank Thee for Thy great love manifested in Thy bitter sufferings and death. And as even on this day Thou didst begin to shed Thy sacred blood for us, we beseech Thee to look upon us evermore with Thy gracious favor, and to comfort us in every distress and the anguish of death with Thy precious merits.

O Holy Ghost, we thank Thee for Thy help and guidance and consolation in the past, and beseech Thee Thou wouldst continue to govern us by Thy grace, that we may lead holy and blameless lives, and so, as becometh Christians, finish well our course, and hereafter obtain the crown of eternal glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

EPIPHANY.

1.

(Praise and Prayer.)

Almighty and everlasting God, the Father of lights, who didst manifest Thine only-begotten Son in the flesh, making known His advent by a wonderful star to the wise men of the East, we praise Thee for Thine infinite mercy and surpassing love in vouchsafing unto us a ransom for our sins. The Day-spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Thou hast prepared Thy salvation before the face of all people, and hast established on earth the Church of Jesus Christ as the home of Thy continual presence and power among men. Thou hast also brought us unto the fellowship of Thy beloved Son by the bright star of Thy Word, so that we are no longer strangers and foreigners, but partakers of Thy grace, fellow-citizens with the saints, members of Thy household, and heirs of Thy kingdom.

We will extol Thee, our God; we will bless Thy name forever and ever; we will praise Thee and sing unto Thee; for Thou hast remembered Thy covenant, and sent salvation to Thy people.

And we beseech Thee, let us evermore follow the shining star of Thy divine Word, taking heed thereunto as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, that the day may dawn and the Day-star arise in our hearts, and we may know Thee, and worship Thee, and present our own selves to Thee an acceptable sacrifice. Enable us to offer up to Thee the gold of faith, the incense of prayer, and the myrrh of repentance. Teach us to do Thy will, that we may crucify the flesh, and serve Thee all our days, cherishing Christ in His members by relieving the needy and doing good unto all men.

Graciously save and defend our country and its people, our Government, and the whole Christian Church. Bless all honest labor, and give us our daily bread. Preserve us from sickness and famine and all other calamities. Visit the afflicted, the sick, and the dying with Thy heavenly consolations. Preserve unto us and our children Thy Word and Sacraments; guide us with Thy counsel; and afterward receive us to glory in the land of eternal rest, where, with angels and archangels and with all the

company of heaven, we shall laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

2.

(Missions.)

O almighty and everlasting God, who didst manifest Thy Son Jesus Christ to the wise men of the East, bringing them as the first-fruits of the Gentiles into His kingdom, to receive from them praise and glory and adoration: we thank Thee that Thou hast made Thine Only-Begotten to be both the glory of Thy people Israel and the light to lighten the Gentiles, and hast prepared Thy salvation for all people.

And as Thou hast established Thy Church on earth as a keeper and dispenser of the means of grace, that Thy kingdom might come to all men, and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven: we beseech Thee, endue us with Thy Holy Spirit, and increase our joy in Thine Anointed, that we may give glory unto Thee, and declare Thy praise among the heathen. Let Zion arise and shine, that the Gentiles may come to her light and kings to the brightness of her rising, that the nations may praise Thee, and Thy name, O God, be glorified in the isles of the sea.

We pray Thee, so to let the blessed light of Thy countenance shine into our hearts that we may daily increase in the knowledge of our Lord and King; honor, confess, and worship Him, take up our cross and follow Him; and always walk as becometh the children of light, that so men may see our good works and glorify Thee, and we may, in the end, pass with joy and hope through the dark valley of death, to live in Thy presence in light and glory everlasting; through Thy dear Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

PASSIONTIDE.

1.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Thee didst endure the cross, despising the shame: we thank Thee for Thine un-

speakable love, in that Thou hast not only procured for us rest by Thy sorrow and life by Thy death, but art pleased also to impart Thy saving health to us by the preaching of the Cross, the Word of Truth. — And as Thou hast brought us to the beginning of another Lenten season, and we ~~are about to~~ meditate on the solemn mysteries of Thy holy Passion, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit enlighten our understandings and direct our wills, that we may hear the story of Thy sufferings and death with our minds disengaged from all worldly distractions, and bent solely upon contemplating in devout reverence and for our own salvation the wonders of Thy love, ~~which even the angels desire to look into~~. Enable us to realize both the enormity and bitterness of our sins, for which Thou wast wounded, that we may repent of them, and the unfathomable depths of Thy grace, which, where sin abounded, doth much more abound, that we may be comforted. Oh, that Thy image, O Man of Sorrows, were deeply graven upon our hearts to make them Thine! Give us the obedience of faith, that we may now and hereafter be partakers of Thy plenteous redemption. Sprinkle us with Thy blood, cleanse our souls from sin, strengthen our hearts with the assurance of our adoption, and transform us into Thine image by the renewing of our minds. May the infinite fervor of Thy love enkindle in us steadfast faith in Thee and fervent love toward Thee and toward one another, that we may offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Thee. Have mercy upon every one according to his need, add Thy blessing to our services at this time, go with us throughout our lives, guide us by Thy good and gracious Spirit, and grant that we may finally be acceptable in Thy sight. — Hear us, O blessed Savior, for Thine own sake. Amen.

2.

O Lord God, the Father of mercies, who hast not pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live, and of Thine infinite goodness didst deliver up Thine only-begotten Son into death as a sacrifice for our sins: for His sake remember not our ingratitude and indifference, but have mercy upon us and forgive us all our sins. — As Thy dear Son was wounded for our transgressions, and by His stripes we are healed, let us daily with true repentance and sincere faith

meditate upon His Passion, that His death may be our life, His righteousness our salvation, His conflict our victory and everlasting peace. Replenish us with Thy Holy Spirit, that, loving Thee with our whole hearts, we may walk in Thy ordinances blameless. Teach us to love one another, as Christ hath loved us, to bear one another's burdens, and so to fulfil the Law of Christ, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and gave His life a ransom for many. Help us, likewise, to love our enemies, and from our heart to forgive every one his trespasses against us. Let us follow the example of our Savior in patiently enduring the trials and afflictions of this present world, that, having suffered with Him, we may be also glorified with Him. Hear all who cry unto Thee in sorrow and distress, and relieve them according to their several necessities. Bestow Thy blessing upon the ministry of reconciliation. May the preaching of the Cross become a message of peace and a power of God unto the ends of the earth, that the nations that sit in darkness may be delivered from their sins, and glorify Thy gracious name with all Thy saints. Embolden the ministers of Thy Word to preach in season and out of season Christ and Him crucified, calling sinners to repentance and believers to rejoice in Thy salvation. May the death of Thy Son be our comfort in our last hour, and let us depart in peace to rise with Him unto life everlasting. Amen.

3.

O Lord Jesus Christ, we adore Thy love and praise Thy compassion; we bless Thee for Thy bonds and stripes, Thy crown of thorns and painful cross, Thy bitter agony and death, in that Thou, who knewest no sin, wast made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Thee. May the contemplation of Thy holy Passion give us an abiding sense of our own unworthiness and of Thy surpassing grace, that, being distressed by our sin, we may be comforted by Thy merit. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, do not forsake us in adversity and distress and in the hour of death, but have mercy upon us evermore and grant us Thy peace. As Thou hast loved us, even so may we, withdrawing our affections from the world and the things that are in the world, love Thee above all things. As by our sin we

have made Thee to serve, do Thou strengthen us by Thy grace in every conflict and temptation, that we henceforth may strive to sin no more. Thou hast left us an example, that we should follow Thy footsteps. Grant that, looking unto Thee, the Author and Finisher of our faith, we may run with patience the race that is set before us, and hereafter obtain the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls, and praise and glorify Thee for Thine unspeakable love, world without end. Amen.

4.

Thanks and praise be to Thee, Lord Jesus, that Thou didst live for us and die for us, manifesting both in death and life Thy marvelous love to us. All that have obtained peace and rest in Thee praise Thee; all who by Thee come to God glorify Thee; all whose trespasses are forgiven through Thee give thanks to Thee. Thou art the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

O God of our salvation, the Father of mercies, who hast not spared Thine own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shalt Thou not with Him also freely give us all things? Neither life, nor death, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

O holy and righteous God, preserve us from abusing our priceless redemption and wilfully transgressing Thy commandments. Give us grace to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and purify us unto Thyself a holy people, zealous unto good works.

To Thee, who hast loved us from everlasting; to the Son, who hath given Himself for us; and to the Holy Ghost, who guideth us into all truth, be honor and praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

5.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou only Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, who didst suffer for us and bear our sins in Thine own body on the tree, leaving us an example, that we should follow Thy steps: we give Thee hearty thanks for all Thy goodnéss and mercy, and most humbly beseech Thee to grant that with Thy stripes we may be healed. All we like sheep had gone

astray, but do Thou turn us again to Thee and impart Thy grace to us, that, being dead to sin, we may live unto righteousness, evermore serving Thee, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one true God, world without end. Amen.

6.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks that Thou hast given Thine only-begotten Son to bear our sins and to make atonement for us on the cross; and we pray Thee, give us grace to put our whole trust in Thy redeeming love, and grant that our faith in Thee may be strengthened, our souls comforted, and we be enabled to resist all the assaults of sin. Protect us against the devices of the Evil One; and in all temptations keep us by Thy Holy Spirit, and help us to walk according to Thy Word, that, being guarded and defended by Thy mighty power, we may never depart from Thy ways, and in the end be saved by Thy grace. Amen.

7.

(Maundy Thursday.)

O Lord Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer, we thank Thee that in the night in which Thou wast betrayed Thou didst institute for us the holy Sacrament of Thy true body and blood as a perpetual memorial of Thy death, a solemn pledge of Thy mercy and continual presence, and an effectual means of grace.

Thou art our Passover in this Holy Supper, and by giving us Thy body to eat and Thy blood to drink dost admit us into the innermost sanctuary of Thy presence and unto such wonderful communion with Thee that we are very members of Thy body, and dost impart and seal to us all the merits of Thy most blessed death, the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation, that so, even as Thou art, we are righteous and acceptable in the sight of God.

O Lord, we have in no wise deserved, and can never sufficiently thank Thee for, Thy goodness. We beseech Thee, however, Thou wouldst strengthen us through this salutary gift in faith towards Thee, and enable us daily so to appropriate and experience the blessings of Thy Passion, that we may heartily

praise Thee for our redemption, and from day to day be more intimately united unto Thee by faith and love.

Kindle in us evermore such fervent longing for blessed communion with Thee in the Holy Supper that we may come often to Thy Table. Do Thou also, by Thy Holy Spirit, work in us true repentance, a lively and steadfast faith in Thy gracious promises, a sincere desire to be in perfect charity with all men, and the earnest purpose to amend our sinful lives, that we may be meet and worthy partakers of the holy Sacrament and, with full pardon of our past sins, be quickened in the way of righteousness.

Sanctify us by Thy holy indwelling, renewing and transforming us into Thine image, that, being instant in prayer and loving Thee with our whole heart, we may serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, and give Thee continual thanks for all Thy goodness.

Add Thy blessing to the right use of the means of grace wheresoever men keep the remembrance of Thy death, till Thou come.

Abide in Thy Church with Thy gracious presence, and let her at all times be a faithful keeper and dispenser of the heavenly treasures entrusted to her for those who believe in Thee.

May Thy Holy Supper be a source of comfort to the penitent, a means of enrichment to the poor in spirit, to the sick a sweet relief from the bitterness of pain, and to the dying a pledge of their inheritance with the saints in light.

Let Thy Word and Sacrament strengthen our souls during the days of our pilgrimage on earth, until hereafter we shall partake of Thy Supper with Thee in Thy Father's kingdom. Amen.

8.

(The Crucifixion.)

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou innocent Lamb of God, who wast numbered with the transgressors and led forth to the ignominious death of the cross for our sins, being made a curse for us to satisfy the eternal and inexorable justice of God: we give Thee most hearty praise, honor, and glory for Thine infinite mercy, and beseech Thee, Thou wouldst strengthen our faith and trust in Thee, that, being redeemed from the curse of the Law, we may comfort ourselves in every temptation with Thy all-sufficient merit. Let the preaching of the Cross be to us the power of

God and the wisdom of God, that by the faithful use of Thy Word we may obtain the blessings which Thou hast promised.

Grant us Thy grace, that, as our old man is crucified with Thee, we may crucify our flesh, and henceforth serve not sin, but walk in newness of life. May we also with true faith and sincere devotion follow Thy example in affliction and sorrow, love our enemies, and willingly suffer injury and injustice for Thy meekness' sake.

Draw us to Thee, as on the cross Thou didst win the dying malefactor. As Thou didst pray for those who reviled and crucified Thee, even so intercede for us with Thy heavenly Father; and grant that we may continue in steadfast faith, a good conscience, and patient hope unto the end. Remember us in Thy kingdom, let Thy cross be our solace in our final distress, and receive our souls into Thy hands; for Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord God of Truth. Amen.

9.

(The Crucifixion.)

O Lord Jesus Christ, we heartily thank Thee for Thy holy Passion and bitter death, for Thy sorrow and anguish of heart, for Thy pains and wounds, for all that Thou didst endure in body and soul. Thy soul was exceeding sorrowful even unto death. Thou gavest Thy back to the smiters, and Thy cheeks to them that plucked off the hair, and didst not hide Thy face from shame and spitting. Being numbered with the transgressors, Thou wast as a curse hanged on a tree; Thy hands and feet were pierced with nails; in Thy parching thirst they gave Thee vinegar and gall to drink; and even in Thy death men reviled Thee. Thou wast brought as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so Thou openedst not Thy mouth.

O Thou spotless Lamb of God, Thou didst bear our griefs and carry our sorrows, the Lord laid on Thee the iniquity of us all. In obedience to Thy heavenly Father, Thou didst, as our Surety, willingly lay down Thy life to render unto divine justice perfect satisfaction for sin, that, being clothed in the garment of Thy innocence, we might have pardon and peace. Therefore unto Thee, that loved us and washed us from our sins in Thine own blood, be glory and dominion forever and ever.

O blessed Redeemer, we beseech Thee, let the remembrance of Thy bitter sufferings and death be ever present to our souls. Teach us to acknowledge Thee as the one Sacrifice and only Atonement for sins, that we may turn from all false comforters, and have true consolation by faith in Thee alone. May the contemplation of Thy cross subdue our evil impulses, and arouse in us holy desires and aspirations, that, being dead to sins, we may live unto righteousness. Teach us also to take up our cross, which we richly deserve by our daily transgressions, and to endure in patient obedience all things for Thy name's sake. Let Thy cross be our comfort and strength in our last hour. May we by faith overcome the terrors of death and joyfully commit our souls into Thy hands, that, having suffered with Thee, we may be also glorified with Thee, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

EASTER.

1.

O Lord Jesus Christ, in majesty surpassing the golden Easter dawn, Thou camest forth from the dark night of death. Rise also upon our hearts, O Sun of Righteousness, and enable us to contemplate the glories of this sacred day, that we may praise and glorify Thee.

Thou wast, as our Surety, delivered up to death; but, behold, Thou livest. Thou hast conquered death and destroyed him that had the power of death, having bruised the head of the Serpent, the ancient foe of God and man. Thou didst descend into the lowest parts of the earth, and hast spoiled principalities and powers, and made a show of them openly.

Hail, Lion of the tribe of Judah, by whom the captive is taken away from the mighty, and the prey of the terrible is delivered! O Thou Conqueror of death and Captain of our salvation, the battle and the victory were Thine; but Thou hast shared Thy conquest with us, and clothed us with Thy triumph. Thou wast made the first-fruits of them that sleep. Because Thou, our Redeemer, livest, we shall live also. And when Thou hadst overcome death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven for all believers. Thou, the true Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, hast taken away the sin of the world, and by Thy rising

again hast restored to us innocence and everlasting life. Therefore we are glad, and rejoice in Thy goodness, and bless and praise Thy holy name.

O Thou Prince of Life, we beseech Thee, comfort us with the forgiveness of our sins, and abide continually with us, that in all our conflicts we may retain the Easter joy. Fulfil in us with power the work of faith; cause us to rise with Thee in true repentance from our natural death of trespasses and sins and to put away the old leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always walk with Thee, and serve Thee in pureness of living and truth. May Thy Spirit put into our minds holy desires, and quicken us in all our duties, that through Thy power resting upon us we may overcome the world and the terrors of death, and at Thy coming to judge the world appear with Thee in glory, being like Thee, and having our bodies changed into the fashion of Thine own glorious body.

Bless Thine inheritance, O Lord; govern Thy people; lift them up forever. Defend and maintain Thy Church till the end of days. Give us shepherds who shall take heed unto themselves and to the whole flock; and let all pastors and teachers hold fast the form of sound words of faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

Into Thy hands, O Lord of lords, we commit our land and all civil authority everywhere. Endue all rulers and magistrates with wisdom and justice and the fear of Thy holy name, and let them punish wickedness and establish peace, that the righteous may flourish and Thy name be glorified.

Regard in compassion all who are undergoing the changes and trials of this fleeting world; all who are oppressed by lawless might; all who are suffering for truth and conscience' sake; all who are beset with temptations to sin; all who are sinking under the weight of disease; all who are ready to despair of Thy grace; all who are troubled by the fear of the grave; all who are entering into the valley of the shadow of death; and do Thou be in them the hope of glory, and at Thy appearing may the trial of their faith be found unto praise and honor.

Now unto Thee, who art able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of Thy glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

2.

O almighty, eternal, and most merciful God, the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we praise and bless Thee that of Thine infinite mercy Thou didst not spare Thine own Son, but didst deliver Him up for our offenses and raise Him again for our justification, making Him the first-fruits of them that sleep.

O most faithful Savior Jesus Christ, we give thanks to Thee for Thy triumphant resurrection, whereby Thou hast abolished death and begotten us again to a lively hope, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved for us in the heavens.

O God the Holy Ghost, we praise and glorify Thee that by Thy grace the blessed consolations of this sacred season are published to all Christian congregations, and that through Thy holy Word and Sacraments righteousness and salvation, the treasures of grace purchased and won for us by Christ, are imparted and confirmed to us.

O Holy Trinity, bless Thy Church, and cause the tidings of life to be told unto the ends of the earth. Comfort us evermore with the assurance that our transgressions are hid and sealed in the grave where our Redeemer lay, and that there is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, and walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Withdraw our hearts from all earthly desires and affections, that as pilgrims and sojourners we may hasten forward to our inheritance of immortality in heaven. While we live, guide us with Thy counsel; and when we die, give us the crown of life, that with all the holy angels and the elect we may praise and glorify Thee, world without end. Amen.

3.

O almighty and eternal God, who through the death of Thy Son hast destroyed sin and death, and by His rising to life again restored innocence and everlasting life, that we, being delivered from the power of the devil, might live under Thee in Thy kingdom: we beseech Thee to grant that we may evermore be comforted by true faith in the resurrection of Thy dear Son. Do Thou also, by the operations of Thy quickening Spirit, fulfil Thy work in us, that we live no more unto ourselves, but that Thou livest in us by Thy divine power, making us perfect in

every good work to do Thy will, and working in us that which is well-pleasing in Thy sight. Let not the thought of death fill our hearts with terror, but give us the blessed assurance that, like unto Christ, our Head, we shall not remain in our graves, but rise again at the end of days. And when we have finished our course by Thy grace, may Thy resurrection be to our faith a sure pledge that an unfading inheritance is reserved for us in heaven. O Thou God of peace, who hast brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, draw our souls and bodies at the last perfectly to Thee, that we may live with Thee and praise Thee, world without end. Amen.

Easter Monday.

O gracious Lord Jesus Christ, honor and praise be to Thee that Thou hast overcome sin, reconciled us with God, and made a way for us to eternal life. Honor and praise be to Thee that by Thy death Thou hast destroyed our death and by Thy resurrection brought us life, and that we, Thy members, shall not remain in the grave, but rise with Thee to glory everlasting. Honor and praise be to Thee also that after Thy resurrection Thou didst mercifully show Thyself to Thy disciples and friends, making glad their sorrowing hearts with exceeding comfort.

We beseech Thee, therefore, appear also unto us and all Christendom with peace and joy. Show us the print of the nails and Thy wounded side; and when we are slow of heart to believe, open to us by Thy Holy Spirit the meaning of Thy saving Word, and grant us rightly to know the mystery of Thy death and the power of Thy resurrection. Help us to believe, without doubting, that Thou didst hide our iniquity in Thy grave, and for our benefit destroy death and the grim prison-house, and didst truly rise and enter into Thy glory to make us partakers of the same, that as strangers and pilgrims on earth we may earnestly long for our eternal home, and rest the hope of our blessed departure on Thee, the living Lord of Glory.

May we also, by the renewal of Thy Holy Spirit, rise daily from the servitude of sin, and as Thy living members evermore delight in Thy service and praise.

Thou, O Lord, art the Strength of the weak and the Consolation of the afflicted. May we, therefore, not despair in the hour of trial, even though our eyes be holden for a time not

to know Thee. Be Thou evermore our Companion upon the way and the Guest of our homes. Bless our daily bread. Grant peace unto our land and peace unto our souls, and preserve the joy and gladness of Easter continually in our hearts. When the day is far spent and the sun about to set, when the shadows thicken about us, in the gathering gloom of the eventide of life, in the agony and pain of death, graciously abide with us, and lead our dying souls out of this vale of sorrows into the heavenly Jerusalem. And on the last great day, when the voice of the Archangel is heard, do Thou, O risen Lord, who art clothed with immortality and glory, raise up our mortal bodies out of the earth, and make them like unto Thy glorified body, and grant us peace everlasting in the mansions of bliss, where we shall see Thee face to face, and Thou wilt hold gracious converse with us and be our joy and pleasure, our light and our glory, world without end. Amen.

ASCENSION.

1.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou eternal Son of God, the Savior of the world, who, having finished the great work of redemption and risen from the grave, didst celebrate Thy triumphal ascension in imposing majesty, and wast seated on the right hand of the Father, being exalted above all angels and principalities, and above all power and might, and above everything that is named in this world and in that which is to come: we worship and glorify Thee that Thy cross and Passion was concluded in rejoicing, and through death Thou didst enter into Thine eternal glory, and hast opened again the gates of paradise, and prepared mansions of glory for the children of men.

Blessed Lord, Thou hast achieved the victory; we are still in the moil and toil of conflict. Thou art exalted above all heavens; look with favor upon us, and think upon us for good, who are yet strangers on earth.

O Thou eternal High Priest, our only Mediator, who, having blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, dwellest in the high and holy place, appear in the presence of God for us, and be our Advocate with the Father, that by Thy perfect merit and gracious intercession we may escape the righteous judgment of God, and His peace may abide with us forever.

O Thou heavenly King, establish Thy dominion in our hearts. Send down Thy Holy Spirit to enlighten us with Thy grace, to guide us into all truth, and to work all in all, that Thy spiritual body may be built up. As Thou hast opened heaven to us, so keep us, that we may not close this same heaven again by impenitence and sin. Draw us to Thee, and fill our hearts with holy desires, that on the wings of faith and ardent devotion we may continually ascend to Thee.

As all power is given unto Thee in heaven and in earth, surely Thou art able to save to the uttermost all who come unto God by Thee; and as Thou hast promised to be with Thy faithful people alway, even unto the end of the world, comfort us with Thy presence as long as we are sojourners on earth, and let us all receive of Thy fulness, and grace for grace. [Cause Thy blessing to rest upon our Government, that peace may be maintained and justice impartially administered to the glory of Thy name. Protect and extend Thy Church, which Thou hast purchased with Thine own blood, and graciously keep us steadfast in Thy saving Word and the right use of the blessed Sacraments. Send forth faithful messengers of the Gospel, and clothe them with the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, that all flesh may see Thy salvation. Govern the hearts of parents and teachers, that they may bring to Thee the children entrusted to their care, and do Thou lead those who are in the morning of their years upon the way of life. Awaken the unconverted, and such as have fallen away, that they may no more serve the world, but lift up their eyes to the Land of Promise. Have mercy upon all who are in affliction and distress, in sickness and temptation; hear their cry, and refresh them with Thy heavenly comfort.] Grant that with patience and hope we may fight a good fight and obtain the prize of eternal life. And finally, when the hour of our departure is at hand, Lord Jesus, receive our spirit, and let us abide in Thy presence, where there is fulness of peace and joy amid pleasures at the right hand of God forevermore. Amen.

2.

Almighty Father, we draw nigh unto Thee in the name of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer, who, having purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

We bless Thee for giving Him, not only to live and to die for us and to rise again, but also to ascend up on high, leading captivity captive and receiving gifts for men, that He might be a Prince and a Savior, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins, imparting, as our everlasting, only Head, to all His members life and light, comfort, strength, victory, peace, and joy.

We have indeed most grievously sinned against Thee, and deserve only Thy wrath and indignation. But we have an Advocate with Thee, Jesus Christ the Righteous, whom Thou hast appointed as the propitiation for our sins. Hear, we beseech Thee, the voice of His mediation in our behalf. May our sins, though many, be forgiven us; and, being justified by faith, may we have peace with Thee through Jesus Christ.

For His sake also enable us to hate and mortify those sins which we humbly implore Thee no more to remember against us. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Give unto us that faith which purifieth the soul, worketh by love, overcometh the world, and maketh us careful to maintain good works. Grant that, as Thy Son ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and life thither ascend and with Him continually dwell.

Look in compassion upon all mankind, whom Thy beloved Son redeemed with His most precious blood, that He may have the heathen for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession.

May He, the King of Glory, be our Companion in life and our Deliverer in death, a very present Help in every time of need. And finally, when He shall come in majesty to judge the world in righteousness, grant, we beseech Thee, that with all the blessed we may inherit the kingdom prepared for us, and have our consummation and bliss in Thine eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PENTECOST.

1.

Almighty and everlasting God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who on this holy day of Pentecost didst gloriously fulfil the great promise of the Gospel, and didst reveal Thyself from heaven by visibly pouring out the Holy Spirit upon Thy chosen

apostles in Jerusalem: we worship Thee and give thanks to Thee for making known to us thereby that through the power and operation of the Holy Spirit, by the preaching of the apostles and all true ministers of Thy Word, Thou art pleased to gather unto Thyself from among the sinful, condemned, and lost race of man a holy and everlasting Church as the home of Thy continual presence and power among men; to enlighten, sanctify, and save our souls and so to rule us by Thy Holy Spirit that we may know, honor, and worship Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.

We therefore beseech Thee that it may please Thee, even as of old, so now also and ever hereafter, to pour out Thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, that He may come to us like the light and dew of heaven, and be in us evermore as a well of water springing up into everlasting life, and that by the Word of Thy truth we may be preserved in the saving faith unto the end. Bring to naught, we pray Thee, the wicked designs of all false teachers and ungodly men, who would lead us away from the good pasture of Thy Word into the destructive ways of sin and Satan. Prevent the enemy from sowing tares among the wheat, lest the Cross of Christ should be made of none effect. Enable us to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, that we may grow up into Him in all things who is the Head, even Christ, and the lives of all who profess Thy name may be to Thee an acceptable sacrifice.

May it please Thee to govern with Thy good Spirit the hearts of all those in authority. Grant them health and prosperity long to live, and enable them to secure to all our people liberty and peace. Bless the ministry of reconciliation. Let there be found everywhere faithful and godly shepherds that feed the flock of Christ in singleness of heart, and pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh. Rule and direct by the Spirit of Thy grace the hearts of parents, children, and servants, that they may have Thee always before their eyes and fulfil the duties of their several stations in righteousness and true holiness as shall be well-pleasing to Thee, serving Thee all the days of their lives. And do Thou, by the continual aid of Thy Holy Spirit, help us to increase in all knowledge, faith, charity, purity, and truth, and at last to receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2.

O Lord God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, and with them one true and eternal God, the earnest and pledge of our inheritance, the Spirit of life and truth and grace, by whom all that mourn are comforted, and who alone art able to lead us into all truth: we worship and glorify Thee, and give thanks to Thee for all Thy marvelous gifts and operations, and especially for still shedding abroad Thy grace in the Church through Thy Word and Sacraments, and performing Thy work in us.

And as we cannot by our own reason and strength believe in our Lord Jesus Christ or come to Him, we beseech Thee, enlighten us with Thy gifts, enable us rightly to understand the Word of truth and to perceive both the magnitude of our transgressions and the multitude of God's mercies, write Jesus Christ in our hearts, and bestow upon us peace of conscience and everlasting comfort. Bear witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. Confirm us with Thy testimony, and seal us by Thy promise, that, even as the earth is refreshed by the dew of heaven, so also our souls, being redeemed from the spirit of bondage and fear, may be satisfied with Thy consolations.

Thou who didst appear unto the holy apostles with cloven tongues like as of fire, kindle in us the fire of love, holy thoughts, and fervent devotion, and abide with us forever. Enter into us as Thy living temples, and holy habitations, renew us inwardly day by day, and let Thy strength be made perfect in our weakness. Sanctify our understanding and heart, purify our affections, infuse into us the temper of peace, and fill us with true zeal to be faithful each one in his calling, that we may glorify Thee and edify our neighbor by words and deeds well-pleasing in Thy sight. Graciously preserve us from unbelief and all ungodliness, and enable us to fight the good fight unto the end. Comfort us in all our trials with joy unspeakable and full of glory, and seal us unto the day of our redemption, that we may hereafter in perfect holiness praise and glorify Thee, with the Father and the Son, world without end. Amen.

3.

Almighty God, who didst, as at this time, miraculously pour out Thy Spirit on the sons of men, we praise Thee for the gracious assurance that He shall remain with Thy people always,

even unto the end of days. Without His mighty working we can do nothing that is rightful. We know not what to pray for as we ought, unless He help our infirmities and make intercession for us. No man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost. We have need of His holy inspiration to think those things that be good, and of His merciful guiding to enable us to perform the same. Let not our past abuse of Thy mercies provoke Thee to cast us away from Thy presence and to take Thy Holy Spirit from us, but rather do Thou give us true repentance, and quicken us to greater diligence in improving the means of grace and salvation.

Pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh. Arise in the greatness of Thy strength, and awaken to a life of righteousness those who are dead in trespasses and sins. Send out Thy light and Thy truth to the nations that know not Thy name. Shed abroad all spiritual blessings on the churches of Thy saints. May they be edified by the truth as it is in Christ Jesus; and, walking in Thy fear and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, may they be multiplied exceedingly. Bless all the ministers of Thy Word; endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, enrich them with Thy heavenly grace, and let the words which they speak in Thy name be applied to the hearts of men in demonstration of the same Spirit and of power. Remember the righteous in their afflictions, help us in every time of need, and at the last grant us Thine everlasting peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

TRINITY.

1.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, unchangeable, eternal, and glorious, most mighty, just, and true, infinitely wise and good, who art here and everywhere present, and knowest all things; the blessed and only Potentate, who only hast immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto, whom no man hath seen or can see: we draw nigh unto Thee with reverence and godly fear.

Thou art a God whom we cannot by searching find out. But we bless Thee for the revelation which Thou hast been pleased to make of Thyself to us, as the only true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity.

We adore Thee, O God the Father, of an infinite majesty, and praise Thee for Thy wonderful love in giving Thy well-beloved Son to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

We adore Thee, O God the Son, the Only-begotten of the Father, the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, in whom dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. O Thou very God and very man, we praise Thee for the great love wherewith Thou hast loved us, in leaving the glory which Thou hadst with the Father before the world began, and for us men and for our salvation in the fulness of time coming down from heaven.

We adore Thee, O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, Author and Giver of life, who, with the Father and Son together, art worshiped and glorified, who didst speak by the prophets. We bless Thee, the Comforter, the eternal Spirit of wisdom and of truth, who guidest us into all truth; the Spirit of grace and supplications, who teachest us to pray, and makest intercession for us, and helpest our infirmities; the Spirit of holiness, who sanctifiest us; the holy Spirit of promise, who sealest us unto the day of redemption.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us, Thy servants, grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine Majesty to worship the Unity: we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith until the end.

O holy Trinity, who art a jealous God, and wilt not give Thy glory to another, look in compassion on all nations who know not Thee, the only God, and are bowing down to the gods many and the lords many which they have made unto themselves. Spread abroad Thy Gospel, and turn them from all their vanities unto Thee, the living and true God. Protect and bless the Church which Thou hast established on earth. May it remain the ground and pillar of the truth, and evermore be defended from every blast of vain doctrine which shall rage against it.

Now unto One God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and unto One Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we in Him; and unto One Spirit, by whom through Christ we have access unto the Father; even unto the holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, Three Persons and One God, be ascribed equal and endless praise, now and forevermore.. Amen.

2.

O Thou most holy and ever-blessed Trinity, God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, we thank and praise Thee that Thou hast revealed Thyself to us in Thy Word as the only true and living God from everlasting, Three in One, and One in Three, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Glory and praise and worship in the highest be unto Thee, Thou holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty.

O God the Father, have mercy upon us, and gladden us with Thy love. O God the Son, have mercy upon us, and clothe us with Thy merits. O God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us, and sanctify us by Thy holy indwelling. O Thou holy Trinity, have mercy upon us, and hear our prayers.

Shine in our hearts, we beseech Thee, and increase in us the knowledge of Thy glory, that we may never depart from the true and saving faith, but rejoice always in the redemption purchased by the blood of Christ. Sustain us in temptation, and fill our hearts with holy thoughts and desires, that we may worship Thee with fervent prayer, and walk before Thee in all holy obedience and devotion. Deliver us from evil, and comfort us in affliction. Protect our country and all its inhabitants, bless all those in authority, and prosper every one in his appropriate calling. Defend Thy Church from all its foes, and look in compassion upon all mankind, and pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh, that the ends of the earth may acknowledge and worship Thee, the eternal, triune God and Lord. Help us to live and walk according to Thy will in this present life, and receive us at the last into the kingdom of Thy glory, where we shall bless and magnify Thee, the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

3.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High, holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. O most holy Trinity, we thank Thee for the creation and continual preservation and direction of heaven and earth, angels and men, and all things. We bless Thee for revealing Thyself by Thy holy Word to the children of men as one eternal God in Three Persons, coequal in majesty, power, and glory; and for establishing a Church for all generations upon the founda-

tion of the Gospel. We worship Thee in true faith, and by our adoration and confession separate ourselves from all who do not acknowledge Thee as the only true and living God.

O God the Father everlasting, who from eternity didst beget the Son, and, having ordained Him to be the Mediator and Redeemer of all men, didst accomplish and make known to us through Him the wonderful counsel of our salvation: we humbly beseech Thee to have mercy upon us, and to forgive us all our sins. Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and we shall be healed. May it please Thee, moreover, to gather a holy Christian Church from all nations and tongues, and to preserve also among us a holy people, that Thy name may be worshiped and glorified unto the ends of the earth. We commend to Thy merciful providence all those in authority, and pray Thee Thou wouldst enable them so to rule and govern that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. And as we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us Thy grace that we may always in singleness of heart do those things that please Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O God the everlasting Son, who art the express image of Thy heavenly Father and the brightness of His glory, who of Thine unspeakable love didst in the fulness of time assume our nature and make an atonement for all our sins: we praise and glorify Thee, and humbly acknowledge our inability ever worthily to thank Thee for all Thy goodness. Have mercy upon us, O Lord; and with Thy most precious blood cleanse us from all sin. Preserve unto us Thy holy Word and the blessed Sacraments. Defend us from error and false doctrine. Bring to naught the devices of the enemies of Thy Word, that they may have no power over us to mislead us into the paths of sin and destruction. Protect the whole Christian Church on earth; give to us and all its members faith, patience, and comfort in all our trials and distresses; and conduct us safely through this vale of sorrow unto the kingdom of eternal glory.

O God the Holy Ghost, who art sent from the Father and the Son into our hearts to renew them, do Thou enlighten us and enkindle a true and saving faith in us. Direct and lead us into Thy truth, and keep us steadfast amidst all the assaults and temptations of the world, even unto the end.

O most merciful and ever-faithful God, Father, Son, and

Holy Ghost, most holy and ever-blessed Trinity, grant us grace to abide in the true Christian faith, and to lead a godly life, that after the troubles of this mortal state we may depart in peace, and, in the blessed company and fellowship of the holy angels and of the elect, see Thee face to face, and love and praise and magnify and worship Thee, world without end. Amen.

THE FESTIVAL OF HARVEST.

1.

O almighty and most merciful Father, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, we give Thee thanks for blessing us so richly with Thy good Word and the holy Sacraments, and supplying so abundantly all our daily necessities, that our bread has not failed, and we have not wanted any good thing. Thou hast watered the hills from Thy chambers, given us rain and sunshine in their season, protected our fields from the storm and the tempest, and bestowed upon us a plentiful harvest of the fruits of the earth. Thou hast also given us good government, peace, health, and innumerable other blessings. For all these favors we give thanks to Thee and glorify Thy holy name.

We acknowledge and confess before Thee that we are not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies; for by reason of our daily transgressions Thou mightest justly grow weary of doing us good. But we are heartily sorry for our disobedience, ingratitude, and abuse of Thy gifts, and do earnestly repent of our sins. And we beseech Thee in the name of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our only Mediator, deal with us not according to our unworthiness, but according to Thine infinite mercy and our great need.

Take not away from us Thy holy Word, the spiritual manna and bread of our souls, preserve us and the generations after us from all error and unbelief, and grant us, moreover, at all times food for our bodies and the means needful for our well-being in this world. We pray Thee also for grace so to receive Thy benefits that they may be sanctified to our use. Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content, committing all our ways to Thee. If riches increase, let us not set our hearts upon them; and defend us from covetousness and all sinful cares of the body, and from abusing and dishonoring Thy

bounties by worldliness and vanity and the pleasures of sin, lest Thy name be blasphemed through us. May we employ Thy gifts for Thy glory and our subsistence, for the maintenance of churches and schools, and for the relief of the needy. Remember, according to the multitudes of Thy tender mercies, all Thy children in the world, and replenish them with every necessary good in earthly and spiritual things. Bless those who are in sickness and want or other adversity; comfort them in their trials, and in Thine own good time turn all their sorrows into joy. Let Thy fatherly protection be over us. Keep our hearts from sin, our eyes from tears, and our souls from death. Enable us to accomplish our days in Thy fear, that on the day of the general harvest of the world we may abound in the fruits of faith and come rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us, to be gathered into Thy kingdom, and to receive from Thy hand the crown of glory that fadeth not away, and with all the elect to praise and magnify Thee forevermore, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

2.

(Failure of Harvest.)

O almighty God, the Lord of heaven and earth, who during so many years hast given us rain and fruitful seasons, and filled the earth with Thy riches; and this present year hast caused the land to withhold its increase, so that our garners are empty, and we lack the wonted abundance of Thy favors: Thy thoughts are not our thoughts, and our ways are not Thy ways; but the thoughts that Thou thinkest towards us are thoughts of peace and not of evil, and all Thy works are goodness and truth. Even the little we have gathered in is a gift of Thy mercy and far in excess of our desert. Thou hast not yet withdrawn Thy hand from us, but to this hour hast preserved our life, and given us peace and health. Suffer us not, therefore, to murmur against Thee, or to despair of Thy help, but give us contentment of heart and filial trust in Thee; for Thou, who rulest the universe and clothest the lilies of the field, even Thou, who art rich in mercy and knowest our every need, art our Father and our God. Thine eye is upon them that fear Thee, and upon them that hope in Thy mercy, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.

A DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

O eternal and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we acknowledge and confess before Thee our manifold and great offenses. We have experienced Thy goodness, but have not been led to repentance. We have seen Thy judgments abroad in the earth, but have not learned righteousness. Above all, we have neglected the means of grace, and set at naught Thy tender mercies in Christ Jesus. But Thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity, who hast no pleasure in the death of sinners, but hadst rather that they turn from their sins and be saved. Be gracious unto us, therefore, even as Thou art wont. Spare us, O Lord, though for our evil deeds we do worthily deserve to be punished. In the midst of judgments still remember mercy. For Thy dear Son's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name.

Be Thou our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in trouble.

Protect Thy vineyard, which Thou hast planted among us, and water it abundantly with the rivers of living waters. Give grace to all the ministers of Thy Gospel, that they may both by their doctrine and life set forth Thy true and lively Word, and grant that Thy little flock may dwell in peace and safety everywhere.

Preserve us from plague and pestilence, from war and bloodshed, from failure of harvest and from famine, from tempest and lightning, and from all other calamities.

We entreat Thee also for all those who are put in authority over us; counsel them by Thy wisdom and strengthen their hands, that they may so wait on their office as to promote Thy glory and the common good. And grant grace to all Thy people, that we may submit ourselves to every ordinance of man for Thy sake, and be subject to the higher powers, reverencing them and upholding them in all their lawful endeavors to maintain justice and righteousness among men.

Teach us to live, day by day, in humble dependence on Thy promises, in cheerful obedience to Thy laws, and in a sure and certain hope of a blessed immortality.

Fill our hearts with a due sense of Thy unspeakable love

in the redemption of our souls, that we may with filial confidence call upon Thee in the day of trouble and, among all the changes of this mortal life, ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, in our every need. Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, that Thy glory may dwell in our land.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise, when two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants as may be most expedient for us, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting; for the sake of the redemption and intercession of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth in equal majesty and glory, true God and man, blessed forever. Amen.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION.

1.

O eternal and most merciful God, we bless and praise Thee for all Thy benefits, and especially for those mercies which we commemorate this day. Praise be to Thee that Thou didst send forth Thine only-begotten Son into the world to be the propitiation for our sins, and didst institute the ministry of the Word to make known Thy saving health among all nations. Praise be to Thee especially this day that, when the gross darkness of popery covered the earth, Thou didst kindle afresh the light of Thy holy Word, and through Thy chosen vessel Martin Luther didst teach our fathers once more the everlasting Gospel of salvation. Praise be to Thee that Thou hast to this day preserved the goodly heritage, saved us from persecution and confusing creeds, defended churches and schools from the assaults of Satan, given strength and success to Thy Word, and at all times provided faithful shepherds to feed Thy flock in the pleasant pastures of Thy Word.

We acknowledge and confess, in sincere repentance, that by our manifold sins, ingratitude, indifference, and unbelief we have,

indeed, deserved that Thou mightest justly hide Thy face from us and visit us with a famine of Thy Word. But we beseech Thee, O Lord, deal with us, not after our sins, but according to Thine infinite compassion.

Let not the gates of hell prevail against Thy Church. Preserve us from human traditions and doctrines of men, from strong delusions to subvert the foundation of truth and to mislead men upon false ways.

Grant unto those in authority peace and good government; and let truth, justice, and liberty dwell in our land, that, without restraint or hindrance, we may continually enjoy the blessings of Thy pure Word.

Preserve unto us and our children the pure and saving Gospel and the right use of the holy Sacraments till the end of days.

Send us to this end at all times blameless teachers, able ministers of the New Testament, faithful stewards of Thy mysteries, and give them wisdom and boldness to proclaim Thy salvation to many unto life.

Let us not misuse the Gospel unto false peace in a dead faith. Being kept by the light of Thy truth, let us walk as the children of light.

Let us be a city that is set on a hill to shine afar until the day of Christ's coming. Give us increase of faith and of numbers. Restore all that are deceived by error, and give free course and strength to Thy Word, that it may become known among the nations of the earth. Do good in Thy good pleasure to Zion, build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

If the enemy should again rise up against us, be Thou our Refuge and Strength, beat down Satan under our feet, and consume utterly at the last the son of perdition, the Roman Antichrist, with the Spirit of Thy mouth.

Gird us with Thy power, that we may fight a good fight and keep the faith, until we shall obtain the crown of righteousness laid up for us in heaven, for Thy Son's sake. Amen.

2.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, who after long ages of darkness didst deliver our fathers from the bondage of error and the tyranny of human ordinances, we heartily thank Thee for those faithful witnesses through whom Thou didst restore the

Gospel of Christ to men; and we praise Thee that Thou hast caused this blessed light to shine until the present hour, so that now we know the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make us wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus, our only Mediator, and, unrestrained by human laws and unmolested by worldly might, we are permitted to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. We beseech Thee, defend Thy Church against all her foes, and do not suffer Thy flock to be scattered or to be despoiled of the wholesome pasturage of Thy Word. Seek and save the lost and all who have gone astray. Preserve among us Thy pure Word and the holy Sacraments, turn our hearts from vain and delusive doctrines, and keep us steadfast in Thy grace and truth, that we may not misuse the priceless boon of liberty for a detriment to our souls, and be a reproach to Thy Church by doing those things that are contrary to our profession. Direct and strengthen us by Thy Holy Spirit to abide in the confession of Thy Word, and to walk worthy of the Gospel unto all pleasing, that by the innocency of our lives and the constancy of our faith even unto death we may glorify Thy holy name, and in the end by Thy grace obtain everlasting life. Now unto Thee, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be all glory ~~in the Church by Christ Jesus~~, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Lord, I wonder.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

1.

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, we praise and magnify Thy holy name for all the temporal and spiritual mercies Thou hast bestowed upon us at all times. Thou dost cause Thy holy, saving Word to be preached to us in purity and truth, comforting, admonishing, warning, and reproving us thereby, and fully apprising us how to turn from our evil ways, to obtain salvation by faith in Thy dear Son, and to walk before Thee in righteousness and all holy obedience. Thou makest us to dwell in a goodly land; Thou, O Lord, Thyself carest for it; and Thine eyes are continually upon it from the beginning of the year even unto the end. Thou hast ordained for us our beloved Government, and dost endow those in authority with wis-

dom so to rule, that, being safely kept under their governance, we may pass our days in quietness and peace. Thou dost vouchsafe to us the priceless boon of liberty, so that, without restraint or hindrance, we may freely serve Thee according to Thy Word, be quickened in our most holy faith by the Word and Sacraments, confess Thy name, and spread abroad Thy Gospel among us and among all those of the household of faith, and in our homes and churches and schools teach our children the knowledge of the saving truth, and bring them up in the nurture and admonition of their Lord Jesus Christ. Thou forgivest us richly and daily all our offenses, and dost not deal with us after our sins. As high as the heaven is above the earth, so great is Thy mercy toward us.

We beseech Thee, give us truly thankful hearts, that we may not forget all Thy benefits and Thy never-failing mercies. Enable us to realize that Thy goodness should lead us and our whole people to repentance, and that we are not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies and of all Thy truth, because we have repaid Thy manifold bounties with all manner of sin and unrighteousness, and amply deserved that Thou shouldst cause Thy loving-kindness altogether to cease among us. As Thou hast delivered up Thine only-begotten Son for us all, and with Him also freely givest us all things, through Him bestowing Thine abundant blessing upon our land, its government, and its inhabitants, that all men might seek and find Thee in this acceptable time and the day of salvation; do not Thou forsake us, but for His sake be gracious unto us forevermore. With the finger of Thy Holy Spirit write in our hearts the perpetual remembrance of Thy faithfulness. Open Thou our lips, that we may praise Thy grace and mercy, and confess Thy name and Word. As Thou hast prospered us in earthly goods, make us willing and ready to praise Thee by our works, and to honor Thee with our substance for the extension of Thy kingdom. Let this mind be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus, that we have compassion on our neighbor in his need, even as Thou hast had pity on us. Preserve us from vanity and presumption, lest we say: "Our power and the might of our hands hath gotten us this wealth"; but let us remember Thee, the Lord, our God, by whose power and benediction our beloved Church, our country, and our Government are preserved, to the end that

we may inculcate upon our children and our children's children for a memorial forever that Thou hast done great things for us, and we rejoice in Thee.

Our soul shall bless Thee at all times, and never forget all Thy benefits. Let us walk in Thy ways, until we shall glorify Thee and exalt Thy name in the new Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. Amen.

2.

Praise, glory, and thanks be unto Thee, Heavenly Father, for the manifold blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon us during this year. Thou didst give us the early and the latter rain in due season, so that the earth brought forth its precious grain for the maintenance of man. Thou didst shield and guard us against all dangers that surrounded us by day and by night. Thou didst hold Thine almighty hand over us, so that no evil came nigh our dwelling. Thou didst keep us by the Spirit in the true faith in Thy beloved Son. Innumerable, O Lord, are the gifts of Thy loving-kindness towards us. Accept our humble thanks for all. We are not worthy of all the mercies that Thou hast bestowed upon us. What shall we give in return? All that we are, all that we have; accept it, O Lord, unto Thy praise and glory now and forever. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST.

O Lord Jesus Christ, First-born of all creatures, and Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, on this day of Thy presentation in the Temple we render unto Thee most hearty thanks that Thou didst present Thy whole life to the Father for the consummation of His will and purpose. Thou, very God of very God, hiding Thy glory in the form of a little child, wast for our sakes made under the Law to redeem us that were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Enlighten our minds, we beseech Thee, that we may know Thee as the Lord, our Righteousness. Let our eyes see Thy salvation, that with Simeon we may take Thee up in the arms of our faith, enfold Thee in our hearts, and find comfort in Thee alone. In affliction and distress be Thou the strength of our life, hear our supplications, and deliver us that we may not fear.

Grant us grace also to present our own selves to Thee a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable; enable us to walk in Thy fear and to serve Thee in willing obedience all our days, our heart and members being servants of righteousness, that we may be blameless in the day of Thy coming.

And because Thou hast been sent as a light to lighten the Gentiles and as the glory of Thy people Israel, do Thou, O Sun of Righteousness, arise among them with healing in Thy wings, that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God. Let Thy Word be preached to all men. Grant us faithful ministers and teachers, let us be diligent hearers and doers of the Word, and help us to bring up our children in Thy fear. Fill our hearts with Christian love, that we may avoid offenses, minister abundantly of our substance, let the light of our good works shine before men, and so gain many for Thy kingdom.

Let us abide in Thy grace, and finally depart in peace. Do Thou then present us before Thy heavenly Father in the garment of Thy perfect obedience, that, beholding Thee in Thy glory, we may with all the elect worship Thee, our blessed Redeemer, world without end. Amen.

THE ANNUNCIATION.

Merciful God, Heavenly Father, who didst gladden the hearts of our first parents by the promise of a Savior, and by the mouth of Thy holy angel Gabriel didst announce to the humble Virgin Mary the fulfilment of Thy promise: we thank Thee for sending Thine only-begotten Son to assume human nature in the sacred mystery of the incarnation, that by His stainless birth He might atone for our impurity and sin, and by taking upon Him the form of a servant make us to be rulers with Him in heaven. We praise and bless Thee for Thy great mercy; and we pray Thee, Thou wouldst teach us to believe firmly and trust implicitly in the merits and intercession of Thy dear Son, and to look to Thy wisdom, goodness, and infinite power for help and deliverance in every time of need. Grant that our sinful nature may be cleansed and purified by the holy incarnation of Thy Son and the effectual working of Thy Holy Spirit. Renew us into His image, that we may live under Him in His kingdom, a holy people, zealous of good works. Make us ready wit-

nesses of Thy salvation, and bless Thy Word, that Thy kingdom may be enlarged and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Bless us and all men, according as Thou best knowest, until in the kingdom of Thy glory we shall praise and magnify Thee, world without end. Amen.

THE VISITATION.

O almighty God, merciful Father, who hast regarded our low estate and sent Thine only-begotten Son into the world to take upon Him the form of a servant, that we might receive the adoption of sons: we rejoice in our Savior and ascribe to Thee glory and praise, even as also the blessed Virgin magnified Thy holy name. We beseech Thee: When our souls hunger and thirst for Thee, do Thou fill us with the good things of Thy salvation by faith in Thy dear Son. Let Thy grace abound in us, and shed Thy love abroad in our hearts, that we may walk worthy of Thee unto all pleasing. Remove all pride and presumption from our hearts; for neither wisdom, nor power, nor riches avail those who do not fear Thee. Preserve and continue the good work which Thou hast begun in us, enable us to fight a good fight, and suffer us not, amidst the innumerable offenses of this present world, to make shipwreck concerning faith. Nourish in us pure religion and undefiled, that we may visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. O Thou very God of peace, sanctify us wholly, and preserve our whole spirit, and soul, and body blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

EVANGELISTS', APOSTLES', AND MARTYRS' DAYS.

1.

(Conferences.)

We thank Thee, O Lord God Almighty, that Thou didst raise up from the dead Thine only-begotten Son, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and show Him openly unto witnesses chosen before of Thee, who by Him received grace and apostleship and the ministry to testify the Gospel of Thy grace unto obedience of faith among all nations for His name's sake. We beseech Thee, of Thy great mercy keep us in the pure apostolic doc-

trine of the holy Gospel, and accompany the preaching of the Word with the effectual working of Thy Spirit, that we may be built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone. Help us to remember those who have spoken unto us the Word of God, and to follow their faith. Raise up at all times faithful witnesses of the truth, and endue them with power from on high, that they may fearlessly confess Thee before men, and turn many hearts to Thee. Rule Thy people with Thy rod, the flock of Thy heritage with the staff of the Good Shepherd, that, being kept by Thy grace and power, we may at last obtain the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls, and with all the saints praise and glorify Thee, world without end. Amen.

2.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art seated at the right hand of the Father, we heartily thank Thee that Thou didst give to Thy Church inspired apostles and teachers, confirming their preaching with signs following and with the testimony of Thy Holy Spirit. Grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to be firmly established in faith by their word and gladly to confess Thy name, that we may be comforted in affliction and adversity by Thy gracious presence, and Thou mayest confess us before Thy Father in heaven. Grant also that we may follow the example of those godly witnesses in the exercise of holiness unto the end. Vouchsafe unto us at all times faithful shepherds, who shall walk in the footsteps of the apostles, and lead their flocks into the wholesome pastures of Thy divine Word, guarding them from the unprofitable ways of error, and, by instruction, entreaty, and admonition, keeping them with Thee in the one true faith. Do Thou prepare men's hearts to receive Thy Word, and enable them to bring forth plenteously the fruits of righteousness, that Thy name may be praised, world without end. Amen.

3.

(St. John the Baptist's Day.)

O almighty and eternal God, who gavest Thine only-begotten Son to be the Light of the world and the propitiation for our sins, and didst send John the Baptist as a preacher of repentance and a herald of Christ's kingdom, we praise Thee for our deliverance from sin and death secured by the acceptable

sacrifice of the Lamb that was slain, and bless Thee for the revelation of Thy tender mercies made in Holy Writ for our comfort and the upbuilding of the holy Christian Church on earth. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may daily experience Thy goodness in the consolations of Thy Word, let us by faith obtain the remission of our sins, fill our hearts with praise and our lips with rejoicing, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Vouchsafe unto Thy Church faithful pastors and teachers to bear witness of the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world, that all who believe in Him may not perish, but have everlasting life. Preserve among us and establish everywhere the ministry of the Word for the instruction of the young in sound doctrine, for the conversion of sinners, the comfort of the distressed, and the guidance of the faithful. Incline many devout parents to bring up their sons to become prophets of the Highest, to go before the face of the Lord to prepare His way, to give knowledge of salvation unto His people. Let a host of pious youths grow up and wax strong in spirit, and send them forth as humble, but unwavering witnesses of the Light, who shall not count it loss to forego soft raiment and worldly pleasures and goods, and to decrease in the praise of men, if so be that by their ministry Christ increase. Raise up benevolent Christians and men of means, who with prudent counsel and generous gifts will aid in upbuilding those institutions and agencies whereby Thy saving health is made known to all nations. O Thou that inhabitest eternity, whose name is Holy, sanctify us by Thy truth, and grant us Thy peace in our time, that we may hereafter praise and glorify Thee, world without end, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

4.

Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Day-spring from on high, we thank Thee that Thou hast visited us to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. And we beseech Thee, do Thou also rise in our hearts, and prepare us to receive Thee gladly, and to trust firmly in Thee, the Savior from sin. Grant that by the instruction of John, whom Thou didst ordain for a preacher of repentance and a messenger of the Gospel, we may acknowledge our sins, and embrace Thy salvation. Enable us also to bring forth fruits meet for repentance. May we despise the vain

pomps and garish attractions of the world, crucify our flesh and steadfastly resist all temptations to evil. Let us not be like reeds shaken with the wind, but ready to suffer reproach and persecution for Thy name's sake, and, if need be, to seal with our blood the witness of the truth. May it please Thee, by the mouth of faithful witnesses to make known Thy saving health to all nations. Endue the ministers of Thy Word with wisdom and power from on high, that they may turn many hearts to Thee. Show us Thy ways, and teach us Thy paths, and grant us, at the appointed hour, a blessed departure, for the sake of Thy bitter suffering and death. Amen.

5.

(St. Stephen's Day.)

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou eternal Son of God, we praise and bless Thee that Thou didst take upon Thee the humble form of a servant, and through suffering didst enter into glory. We beseech Thee, grant us both willingness and strength to take up our cross and follow Thee; and in all the sufferings we may be called upon to endure, let us look up steadfastly into heaven, and by faith behold Thy glory, which there is to be revealed in us. Help us rightly to treasure what, of Thy goodness, Thou hast borne for our sakes, and pour into our hearts the most excellent gift of charity, that, after Thy example, we may love our enemies and by Thy power may, like Stephen, the first martyr, learn to pray for them that persecute us. We bless Thee, Lord Jesus, who, standing on the right hand of Thy heavenly Father, art a very present Help to all who in the day of trouble place their trust in Thee. Deliver us, at the last, from all the trials of this present world, and help us to overcome even as Thou hast overcome. Amen.

ST. MICHAEL'S DAY.

1.

O almighty God, by whom were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: we thank Thee for all the benefits which we receive from Thee and through the ministry and protection of the holy angels daily

enjoy; for Thou hast sent forth these good spirits to minister for those who shall be heirs of salvation, and given them charge over us to keep us in all our ways, and to bear us up in their hands, lest we dash our foot against a stone.

Teach us, we beseech Thee, at all times to be duly grateful for this Thy goodness, and enable us so to follow the example of the good angels, who are Thy ministers and do Thy pleasure, that we, too, in willing obedience may in our several callings do what pleaseth Thee. As Thou hast promised that we shall be like unto the angels in our resurrection and the life to come, give us grace to strive even in this present life to be like them in love, humility, purity, and obedience. Let them encompass us about like a strong wall. Let them encamp round about us like a mighty host, fighting for us against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and keeping us in all our ways. And since the great dragon, that old serpent, called the devil and Satan, together with his evil angels, is ever seeking to mar Thy fair handiwork, to destroy churches and schools, and to subvert all law and order, do Thou graciously bring to naught his malicious designs, that he may have no power over us, and we may retain Thy Word in perpetual peace and quietness, and serve Thee acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Let Thy holy angels guide and protect all who are called to direct the affairs of Thy Church, and guard the courts of Thy tabernacles. May Thy ministering spirits, that excel in strength, be round about all Christian governments to defend them from mischief, and to maintain peace and prosperity throughout the earth. Commission them to guard all Christian homes from calamity and peril, and restrain the wicked spirit from stirring up discord, that love and joy and blessing may prevail.

And as Thy chosen angels do always praise Thee and behold Thy face, grant that we also here on earth may honor Thee, worship Thee, and declare Thy glory. When we depart this world, let Thy angels carry our souls into Abraham's bosom; and when the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, do Thou raise us from the dead, and let us see Thee face to face in Thy kingdom, where, with all the holy angels and the elect, we shall honor, praise, and magnify Thee, world without end. Amen.

2.

Almighty, eternal God, Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast ordained Thy holy angels to serve Thy faithful children on earth, and to protect them against the assaults of Satan and the wickedness of the world; and we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst give these ministering spirits charge over us, and over all who fear Thee, that the Evil Foe may not disquiet us, and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. And at the last, may the angels gather us from our graves into the shining garners of the heavenly kingdom, and receive us into their blessed company, that we may praise Thee, together with the Son and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

THE FESTIVAL OF CHURCH DEDICATION.

1.

O Lord, almighty God and most merciful Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast established Thy sanctuary among us, and blessed us with Thy saving Word and the holy Sacraments. We are, indeed, all unworthy of Thy goodness, and by our ingratitude and wickedness have deserved the withdrawal of all Thy mercies. But for our only Redeemer's sake we beseech Thee, graciously forgive us our sins, and renew unto us daily Thy truth and faithfulnss, even as Thou art wont. Take this house into Thy protection, and grant that it may remain a place where Thine honor dwelleth. Let Thy presence inhabit it, and be Thou in the midst of the assemblies that worship here. Bestow Thy divine blessing upon the preaching of Thy pure Word, and give all who meet together in this place ears to hear and hearts to believe, that Thy people may be built up in their holy faith, and be not hearers only, but doers of the Word. May the members of this congregation love their church, in which they are taught the way of life. Anoint them with Thy Holy Spirit, that they may lift up holy hands, and worship Thee with pure hearts. Do Thou in this place, by Holy Baptism, receive the little children into communion with Thee, and keep them in Thy gracious covenant by Thy mighty power. Grant repentance and true faith to those who desire the blessing of absolution, and with the most holy Sacrament of the true body and blood of

Christ comfort their souls and strengthen their faith. Pour out Thy blessing upon all for whom intercession is made here: upon the catechumens, the betrothed, the sick, the needy, the afflicted; upon all Thy children in this community and upon the stranger in our gates; let Thy good angel be with them and protect them in all their ways. When Thy people bring to Thee the tribute of thanksgiving for the gifts of Thy bounty, accept the sacrifice and bless them in all their labors, that their joy may be full. When in seasons of calamity and distress they humble themselves before Thee, and implore Thy mercy, do Thou in heaven hear and pity them; forgive the sins wherewith they have provoked Thy displeasure, and deliver them from all evil. Comfort and support them in their trials, sanctifying their affliction unto them, that in due time it may bring forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness. When we offer unto Thee our supplications for the Church, for those in authority, and for all sorts and conditions of men, may it please Thee to hear our prayer. Let us enjoy the blessings of Thy holy Word and Sacraments till we have finished our course, and do Thou prepare us for a blessed departure. And when our earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved, receive us into those blissful habitations not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, where, with an innumerable company of angels and with the general assembly and Church of just men made perfect, we shall glorify and praise Thee, world without end. Amen.

2.

(Anniversary of Church Dedication.)

We thank Thee, Lord God, Heavenly Father, that by Thy Word and Holy Spirit Thou hast established Thy Church among us, and vouchsafed unto us the blessed privilege of enjoying to this day Thy holy Gospel and this place of common worship. We humbly entreat Thee, Thou wouldst graciously preserve our beloved sanctuary for us and for our children. Give us at all times godly teachers, who, as faithful stewards of Thy mysteries, will feed Thy flock on the pleasant pastures of Thy pure Word, not withholding from us aught that is needful for salvation. Grant all hearers grace to receive Thy Word with gladness, and to take heed thereunto with all diligence and faithfulness. Bless the preaching of Thy Word in this house, until

we shall leave our earthly tabernacle and in Thy heavenly sanctuary serve Thee more worthily and behold Thy glory, together with all who have passed from faith to fruition, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

FOR PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

1.

Gracious Savior, who hast said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not," regard with Thy favor every effort to bring up children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Give, we beseech Thee, wisdom and discretion, kindness and perseverance, to all who conduct schools to instruct the young. Do Thou teach them that they may teach others. Grant that the children of our school may receive with a humble, teachable, and ready mind all instruction given them according to Thy Word. Give them Thy grace while they are young, that, early seeking Thee, their Savior, they may early find Thee. Let them remember their Creator in the days of their youth. Teach them to honor their parents and superiors, and to be kind and full of love towards one another. Grant that they may all be trained up in the way in which they should go, and, when they are old, never depart from it. May the knowledge of the Lord be universally diffused, that all may know Thee, from the least to the greatest, and may praise Thee both now and forever. Amen.

2.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who wouldst have the little children to come unto Thee, we praise Thee that Thou hast been pleased to look mercifully upon our little ones, causing them to this day to be instructed in such knowledge as is needful for their temporal and eternal welfare. Enable us, we beseech Thee, to realize the incalculable blessings growing out of a Christian school, that we may put forth our best efforts for its establishment, maintenance, and improvement, and faithfully employ this agency for the training of our children. Grant also that those appointed to teach may recognize that Thou alone art able to perform in us every good work, that so, calling upon Thee for guidance and strength, they may be adorned more and more with zeal and patience and wisdom and skill for their calling, and be both able teachers and godly examples to Thy flock. Bestow

Thy blessing also upon parents, and let them see the fruits of their faithful labors, that they may do their work with joy and not with grief. Vouchsafe Thy grace to the pupils of our school, that they may be subject to parents and teachers in Thy fear, diligently give heed to instruction, and profit by correction, increasing in wisdom and in favor with God and man as they grow in years. Guard and prosper the nurseries of Christian knowledge everywhere, that the good seed may be implanted in the hearts of the young, and a generation may grow up fit for citizenship not only on earth, but also in heaven, being disciplined and furnished by Thy Spirit unto all good works. Impress upon us all a deep sense of our responsibility, that we may work without ceasing while it is day. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and with Thy grace fulfil what we are unable to do. Hear us for Thy name's sake. Amen.

3.

(See prayer under "Dedication of School.")

SYNODICAL SERVICE.

Opening.

1.

O almighty God, Heavenly Father, we are assembled here to join our efforts in the discharge of duties which require the cooperation of many brethren. Without Thee we can do nothing, and therefore we humbly beseech Thee, Thou wouldst guide us with Thy counsel, strengthen us by Thy power, and bless us according to Thy mercy, that all our deliberations and transactions may redound to Thy glory and the promotion of Thy kingdom on earth.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Head and Bishop of the Church, who hast promised to be with us alway, even unto the end of the world, be now in the midst of us, fill us with a lively sense of Thy divine presence, and stir mightily by Thy grace the hearts of Thy servants, that we may with rejoicing confess Thy holy name before men by word and deed.

O Holy Spirit, Thou heavenly Comforter and Guide, descend upon us with Thy gifts, and sanctify us by Thy grace. that we may so perform our several duties as we shall desire

to have done when we are called to render account to the Judge of the quick and the dead.

O Lord, the Triune God, be gracious unto us; and establish the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it. Amen.

2.

O almighty and most merciful God and Father, who hast called us unto the fellowship of Thy Son, and blessed us with the inestimable treasures of Thy grace: we beseech Thee, continue Thy loving-kindness unto us and defend us from all the temptations of the world and all the assaults and wiles of the Evil Foe. Amidst the noise of many waters, when the floods lift up their waves, and the billows lift up their voice, cause the ark of Thy Church to be safely anchored in Thy pure and everlasting Truth. Do not suffer Thy Word ever to be suppressed or restrained, but preserve Thy Church by Thine almighty power, that Thy name may be known and revered among us forevermore. Remember not against us our past iniquities, but, even as Thou hast been wont to forgive the transgressions of Thy people and to cover their sin, have mercy upon us and grant us the continuance of all Thy blessings. Bestow Thy heavenly benediction upon the pastors and delegates here in synod assembled, and upon the work they are to perform in Thy name. Endue the laborers in Thy vineyard with the spirit of wisdom and power, of love, unity, and peace; and when they have planted and watered, do Thou give the increase. Enlighten and strengthen those whom we have entrusted with the management of our affairs, that they may promote the welfare of Thy Church. Cause Thy face to shine upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it. Into Thy almighty protection and gracious care we commit Thy saints everywhere, that the power of Thy Truth may be made manifest and Thy name glorified from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof. Hear our humble prayer, Lord, our God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. Amen.

Close of a Synod.

Lord Jesus Christ, we heartily thank Thee for the blessed days Thou hast graciously permitted us to spend together. We have experienced once more how good and how pleasant it is

for brethren to dwell together in unity when Thou art in the midst of them. We have been refreshed by the Word of Thy truth, and strengthened in the confession of our holy faith. We have been encouraged to unremitting zeal and faithfulness in Thy service for the salvation of immortal souls. Our hearts rejoice, and we praise Thee for Thy loving-kindness.

And now, O Lord, as we are about to return to our several appointments in Thy vineyard, we beseech Thee that Thy grace and blessing, Thy comfort and protection, may continually abide with us, even as in the past. Accompany us upon the way, that no evil befall us. Give success to our labors in church and school, and bless our ministrations in the homes of Thy people. Make us worthy and able workmen, zealous and faithful in planting and watering Thy vineyard, and do Thou give the increase, that the borders of Thy kingdom may be extended, and Thou mayest have among us a people knowing and serving Thee, the only true God.

Bless this congregation, in whose midst we have enjoyed so much kindness and love, for Thy name's sake. Bless all our congregations and enrich them in all things needful for salvation. Bless our Synod in the performance of the work which Thou hast given Thy Church on earth to do. Let Thy Truth go forth as a conqueror, and do Thou make known to all the world that the true God is yet in Zion. Endue us with power from on high, that we may work while it is day, ere the night cometh when no man can work. And, at the last, on the great day of Thy second coming in glory, let us hear the words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Accept our humble praise, we beseech Thee; hear our supplications, and bless us as Thou best knowest, for Thine own sake. Amen.

CONFERENCES.

1.

O Thou gracious and merciful God, of Thy goodness Thou hast called us to be servants of Thy holy Word, authorizing us to teach and to preach, to pronounce absolution, and to administer the holy Sacraments, and making us willing and ready to do our

work with rejoicing. Thou knowest, however, that of ourselves we have no strength, and that, moreover, we are continually assailed by the devil and his hosts. We beseech Thee, therefore, strengthen us in these perilous times with power from on high, and restrain our adversary and all his following, that we may faithfully and successfully perform what Thou hast commanded us to do, that Law and Gospel may not be confused, that the Sacraments may be rightly administered, and that we may not grieve Thy Holy Spirit by our sin, but by His gracious indwelling ever be found faithful servants; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

2.

Almighty and everlasting God, who by Thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the councils of the blessed Apostles and hast promised, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church to the end of the world: we beseech Thee to be present with us, assembled here in Thy name. Save us from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of Thy great mercy vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, so to direct, sanctify, and govern us in our present work by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost that the comforting Gospel of Christ may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed in all places to the breaking down of the kingdom of sin, Satan, and death, till at length all that are Thine shall become partakers of everlasting life, through the merits and death of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

3.

(Close of a Conference.)

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we praise Thee for all the goodness which Thou hast been pleased to bestow upon us. We entreat Thee, pardon and forgive whatever is amiss in us, add Thy blessing to all we have done according to Thy Word, and let it redound to Thy honor, the promotion of Thy Gospel, and the salvation of souls.

And since Thou hast committed to us the ministry of reconciliation, and we are ambassadors for Christ, do Thou grant us wisdom and unremitting zeal in our mission. Help us to understand Thy Word, and to be workmen who are able rightly to divide the Word of Truth, giving unto each hearer his portion in due time. Let us never be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, but enable us by Thy Holy Spirit to go forth with cheerfulness

as heralds of the Cross. Grant that we take heed unto ourselves, and to all over whom Thou hast made us overseers, that we may feed the flock which Thine own Son hath purchased with His blood; taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over Thy heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. May we walk circumspectly in wisdom toward those that are without, having a good report of them, and in all things showing ourselves as children of light, that men may see our good works, and glorify Thee, our Father in heaven.

Do Thou also abundantly reward the people of this congregation for their hospitality and friendship to us, and let Thy blessing be continually upon them.

Go with us and lead us by Thy Spirit to our several homes and fields of labor. Grant that we may remain united in the true faith as it is in Christ Jesus, and continue steadfast in love, until we shall more perfectly praise Thee, the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

MISSION FESTIVAL.

1.

O most merciful God and Father, who, looking on the sins and miseries of a fallen world, didst give Thine only-begotten Son as a Savior for all men, we thank Thee that Thou hast called us into the kingdom of Thy grace, and brought us to the knowledge of the truth, so that by faith in Thy dear Son we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. But as Thou didst charge Thy Church with the message of peace to all mankind, and millions of our fellow-men are still sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, we beseech Thee, give us a larger measure of love and zeal for the work of spreading abroad Thy saving Gospel. Replenish us with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be moved, by the abundance of Thy undeserved mercy, to sincere compassion upon all those who are bound in the fetters of sin, and lack the ministrations of the means of grace. Teach us to love, not in word only, but in deed and truth. Make us willing to surrender to Thy service both ourselves and that wherewith Thou hast prospered us. Nor let us be weary of well-doing, but enable us to work while it is day, ere the night

cometh when no man can work, knowing that Thy beloved Son will be pleased to look upon our acts of mercy to men as being done to Him. O Lord, the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. Therefore we pray Thee to send forth laborers into Thy harvest, and to give success to their faithful efforts for the promotion of Thy kingdom. Cause Thy gracious Gospel to be proclaimed everywhere, and incline the hearts of men to accept the joyful tidings, that from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof Thy way may be known upon the earth, Thy saving health among all nations, and heaven and earth be full of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2.

O Lord God, we thank Thee that Thou hast hitherto vouchsafed to us Thy pure Word; and we beseech Thee to keep us in the possession of the saving truth. Let Thy Gospel be proclaimed in our churches in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. In our schools let a generation be trained up that is not ashamed of Thee and Thy Word. O holy Father, shine in our hearts, let the preaching of the Cross be in us the power of God and the wisdom of God, and help us to grow up into Him in all things who is the Head, even Christ. Do Thou also open our eyes to the need of our brethren and fellow-men everywhere, and give us that faith which worketh zealously by love, that we may teach men to know and worship Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent. Enable us, as instruments of Thy mercy, to strengthen the weak hands, ~~to confirm the feeble knees,~~ to comfort the fearful hearts, and to bring back the erring and the lost to Thee. Lord, Thou alone givest the increase. Do Thou, therefore, crown our work with Thy blessing, and spread Thy light over all the earth for the glory of Thy name. Amen.

3.

O almighty and most merciful God, we give Thee humble and hearty praise for all Thy mercies, especially for establishing the Christian Church on earth, endowing it with Thy Word and Sacraments, and calling us into the kingdom of Thy grace, wherein we have the adoption of sons and an unfading inheritance in heaven through Christ. Accept, we beseech Thee, our tribute of thanksgiving, and inspire us with increasing grati-

tude for Thy unfathomable love, that we may praise Thee, not with our lips only, but with such acts of mercy as by Thy precept and example we are taught by Thee, the Father of mercies, who wilt have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Fill our hearts with sincere compassion for all those of the household of faith in our land who are as sheep that have not a shepherd, passing their days without the blessed ministrations of Thy divine Word and the holy Sacraments. Let us in mercy remember the little children, whom Thy stewards receive through Baptism into Thy gracious covenant; the erring, whom they restore by Thy Word; the faint, whom they refresh with the Sacrament of Thy true body and blood; and the dying, whom they prepare with Thy comfort for the final conflict and a blessed departure.

Give us willingness to render hearty assistance to the great work of supplying our dispersed brethren with ministers of the Gospel. Cause Thy face to shine upon our schools and seminaries established for the study of Thy Word. Make them rich sources of sound knowledge and true piety, and instrumental in furnishing efficient pastors and teachers. Grant abundant success to all the missionary enterprises in which Thy Church is engaged, that her waste places may be cultivated, and all her spiritual destitutions speedily supplied. Thus may the grace shown to our fathers be magnified in their children, and the precious inheritance which we have received be handed down in full measure to future generations.

O Lord, who art wont not to look upon our unfaithfulness and unfitness, but to prosper our endeavors, to the glory of Thy name and our own exceeding joy, grant that we may never weary of Thy service. Give us faithfulness, patience, and zeal, and fill our hands with the means required for Thy cause and our hearts with love for our neighbor in his various needs. Retrieve and repair what we have neglected or done amiss; show us our work, and set our hands to do it. Help us by Thy might, that we may praise Thee forevermore. Amen.

4.

Eternal Father, who hast given Thy Son to be the Savior of all men, grant that the pure light of His Gospel may overcome the darkness of idolatry in every land. Revive the spirit

of missions in Thy Church, that all Thy people may earnestly desire the conversion of mankind; and so quicken our hearts that there may be a larger outpouring of prayer and gifts and personal service for the advancement of Thy kingdom. Protect the messengers of the Gospel amid all perils; guide them through all perplexities; give them wisdom, strength, and courage to make known by word and life the grace of our Lord Jesus; and prosper all that they do in His cause and in His name, that Thou mayest be glorified on earth. Hear us for Thy Son's sake. Amen.

5.

O almighty God, whose dearly beloved Son, after His resurrection from the dead, did send His Apostles into all the world to preach the Gospel to every creature: hear, we beseech Thee, the devout prayers of Thy people, and look down in Thy compassion upon the multitudes that are as sheep having no shepherd, and upon the fields now white unto the harvest. Bless those Thy servants who, after the example of Thy first missionaries, have gone far hence to the Gentiles, and prosper Thou their work of faith and their labor of love. Send forth more laborers into Thy harvest, to gather fruit unto life eternal; and grant us grace and power to be fellow-workers with them by prayers and offerings, that we may also rejoice with them in Thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A MINISTER'S JUBILEE.

O Lord, Thou hast done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Thou hast established and been pleased to maintain in this place unto the present hour the ministry of reconciliation to feed the Church of God with Thy holy Word. Therefore we will extol Thee, our God; we will bless Thy name forever.

Thou hast done great things, O Lord, for Thy servant, the pastor of this people. Thou hast called him to be a shepherd and overseer to feed Thy flock, and hast upheld his spirit, that his faith failed not. Thou hast so led him that Thy messenger's lips have kept knowledge, and, as a wise and faithful steward of Thy mysteries, he hath declared unto men all the counsel of God, neither adding unto it nor diminishing aught from it, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. Thou hast given him

health and strength to bear his burden of labor and hardships, and supported him when crosses weighed heavily upon him. In many temptations and manifold trials and vexations Thou hast comforted him, and delivered him in every time of trouble. During all the —— years that he has been privileged to administer his sacred office, Thou hast redeemed his life from destruction, and crowned him with loving-kindness and tender mercies. Thy compassions failed not, they were new every morning.

Thou hast done great things, O Lord, for Thy people in this place, in that Thou hast blessed the preaching of Thy Word, not suffering it to return unto Thee void, but causing it to accomplish that whereunto Thou didst send it. Thy Church here visibly grew in numbers, and Thou didst inwardly build Thy temples in the hearts of men, and many even now stand before Thy throne praising Thee who by the ministrations of Thy servant were brought to faith or strengthened therein.

Therefore our hearts greatly rejoice, and our lips praise Thee. Accept, we beseech Thee, our all too faint thanksgiving. Vouchsafe also, of Thy goodness, to continue the work which Thou hast begun, and continue to bless both pastor and people.

As Thou hast hitherto helped Thy servant, abide with him evermore, that he may abide with Thee. Deal with him as Thou best knowest. If it please Thee to give him length of days, may they be days of wise and faithful service, and to his old age, ~~even to hoar hairs~~, do Thou bear and carry and deliver him. And hereafter, when he has finished his course, let him, and those here entrusted to his care, appear before Thy throne in heaven, and render unto Thee, for the great things Thou hast done for them, eternal praise and adoration. Graciously hear us, O Lord Jesus, for Thy mercies' sake. Amen.

A TEACHER'S JUBILEE.

Almighty God, Thou everlasting Fountain of all wisdom, who lookest with pleasure upon the Christian training of the young, and hast enabled us to establish and maintain in our midst a Christian school: we bless and magnify Thy holy name, and give thanks to Thee for Thy great goodness.

In particular we desire to thank Thee this day for all the

loving-kindness and tender mercies shown unto Thy servant, the beloved teacher of our school, during the —— years that he has been privileged to labor in his important calling. We gratefully acknowledge that Thou didst commit to him, by the call of the congregation, the blessed charge of feeding Thy lambs with the Word and the sound doctrine. And we bless Thee that during all these years Thou hast been his companion upon the way, defending and upholding him. His heart trusted in Thee, and Thou didst help him. When he was weak, Thou gavest him strength. When he was faint, Thou didst lift him up. When he was encompassed with difficulties and discouragements and trials and crosses, Thou gavest him patience and courage and perseverance to wait faithfully on his calling. There never was a day when Thou didst withhold Thy help. In all the —— years of his service Thou didst do him good and not evil, his soul was precious in Thine eyes. Day by day Thou wast his Adviser, Helper, and Father.

And we praise Thee that Thou didst bless his faithful labors, not indeed in earthly goods or even in the applause of men, but in the manifestation of the power of Thy Word in the hearts of our children, and in the example of simple faith and holy living he gave to all the people. Many praise Thee who from his lips heard the Word of Truth and through his instruction found their Savior. Many this day pray for him, in whose hearts the good seed sown by him has taken root and is bearing fruit abundantly.

Grant him also, we beseech Thee, a continuance of Thy wonted mercies. Deal with him according to Thy wisdom and good pleasure; grant him health and strength, wisdom and steadfastness, and at length receive him, and all those taught by him, into Thy eternal presence, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

JUBILEE OF A CONGREGATION.

Praise, glory, and honor be unto Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, that Thou hast been pleased to establish Thy Church in this place, in which for —— years we have been permitted to hear unmolested Thy holy Word and to celebrate Thy Sacraments. Here Thou hast blessed Thy people with Thy presence, and caused Thy face to shine upon them. We praise Thee for all

the voices of awakening, instruction, admonition, consolation, which here Thou hast given into the ears and hearts of men. We praise Thee for showing us the way of salvation, for warning and arousing us when our souls were imperiled, for comforting us with heavenly consolations when sin and trouble weighed down our hearts, and for giving us a foretaste of eternal life. We praise Thee for every gracious advent into a human heart; for the children whom Thou didst receive as Thine own through Baptism, and as the Teacher sent from heaven didst instruct in the saving doctrines of Thy Word; for all whose burden of sin Thou didst remove, and whose feet Thou didst guide upon the way of life; for all whose doubts Thou didst dispel, and whose sighs Thou didst quiet; for all whom Thou here didst add to Thy Church. We praise Thee that Thou hast enlarged Thy vineyard here, and that outward growth in numbers has not overgrown the purity of doctrine.

And we beseech Thee this day to continue Thy mercies unto us. Preserve among us evermore the precious treasure of Thy Word. Give us at all times godly teachers, who, as faithful stewards of Thy mysteries, will feed Thy flock with all that is needful for salvation. Give unto this congregation, to young and old, hearing ears and open and willing hearts, that they may hear Thy Word gladly and accept it joyfully. Let not the preaching of Thy Gospel among them be in vain. Make Thy Word in them a well of living water to refresh their souls and to spring up into everlasting life. Seal Thy Word in their hearts by the witness of Thy Spirit; let them grow in the knowledge of Thy Son; cause them to increase in faith and love, that Christ may be more and more formed in them, and they may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. O Lord Jesus, who hast promised to preserve Thy Church upon earth unto the end of days, let this church be a light shining unto many, a city upon a hill which cannot be hid. Make it a testimony and a witness to them that are without, that sinners may be converted unto Thee, and that many may come and with us receive the promised inheritance. Abide among us with Thy grace, Thy Word, Thy light, Thy blessing, Thy protection, Thy love, that we may be prepared to enter finally into the great jubilee in the New Jerusalem. Grant this for Thine own love's sake. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY OF CONFIRMATION.

1.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith, Thou Captain of our salvation, we give Thee thanks that Thou didst early manifest Thyself to these Thy children, and didst incline them to consecrate themselves to Thee, bringing with them, not the fragments of their lives, but the very dew of their youth, and now to appear again in Thy sanctuary to show that they are united, not by worldly interests or pleasures, but by the golden chain of a common faith in Thee, and to consecrate themselves afresh to Thee. Have mercy on them, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and bless them now and evermore. Accompany them with Thy gracious presence. Without Thee they can do nothing. All their courage will be in vain, all their good resolutions will sleep, like sentinels overwearied at the post, and they will be surprised and destroyed, if Thou art not with them. May therefore the godly purposes and decisions in them be nourished by Thy grace and perpetuated by Thy Spirit, who gave them birth. Increase in them the manifold gifts of Thy grace, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, that they may never be ashamed of Thee and Thy cause, but lead lives of faith, of love, of truth, of purity, of self-denial, doing at once all the duty that is made known to them. As they are enrolled with the soldiers of the cross, clothe them with the whole armor of God, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, that they may be able to withstand in the evil day. Let not Satan prevail against them. Preserve them by Thy might from error and sin, and maintain them in the patience, perseverance, and victory of Thy saints. Let no man take from them their crown, nor let their names be blotted out of Thy book of life. Guard them from evil in soul and body, and present them and us all without spot in the presence of Thy holiness, as Thou lookest on Thy redeemed. Amen.

2.

O God, our Father, who sayest: "Give Me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe My ways," we thank Thee for all Thy mercies to these Thy servants, whom Thou hast received by Baptism into Thy kingdom of grace, enabled to own Thee publicly

in this church on the day of their confirmation, and kept in the profession of Thy name unto the present day. But, O Lord, upon the perilous ways of life all their endeavors are to no purpose unless Thou dost assist, and instruct, and guard them. We beseech Thee, therefore, to bless them as Thou didst bless Joseph and Ruth. Knowing the High Priest over the house of God, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, may they draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having their hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience. May they ever lift up their eyes to Thee, and put their trust in Thee. May they seek and find grace and guidance and strength in Thy holy Word, that they may be enabled to hold fast the profession of their faith without wavering and evermore to serve the living God. Make them diligent in their attendance at worship and instant in prayer. Let them seek nothing more zealously than Thy kingdom and its righteousness. Create in them a pure heart and a right spirit. Purify them like gold and silver, and keep them from the evil that is in the world. Let them not consent to the sins of the godless, or sit in the seat of the scornful, but by Thy Holy Word and Spirit guide them into all truth, and keep them steadfast in it. Enable them in humble obedience to make Thy holy commandments the rule of their lives. Breathe into their souls the love of whatsoever things are true, and honest, and just, and pure, and lovely, and of good report; if there be any virtue or any praise, let them think on these things. Incline them to cultivate fellowship in the unity of faith, and let them gather spiritual strength from such association. Help them to share the duties as well as the privileges of their Christian brethren and sisters, that they may promote Thy kingdom by word and deed, continuing the work of the fathers, building the walls of Zion. Watch over them by Thy providence amid all dangers, deliver them in the temptations of this life and in the extreme trial of death; and when Thou makest up Thy jewels, set these also in Thy crown, that they may shine as stars to Thy praise forever; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

3.

(Collect.)

O Lord, gracious God, who hast given us the true knowledge of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins, bestow upon us,

we beseech Thee, the peace of Christ, and the joy of the Holy Spirit, and true love to God and man. Replenish us with the gifts of Thy Spirit, that He may guide us into all truth, and enable us to serve Thee in Thy holy congregation, to mortify the deeds of the body, to overcome all the assaults of the Wicked One, and to serve Thee in holiness and righteousness, in vigilance, in prayer, in soberness, in godliness, all our days, for the edification of Thy Church and Thine own great glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we render Thee our humble praises for Thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day, for receiving us into Thy Christian Church, embracing us in Thy covenant, and granting us the manifold blessings of Christian culture; for our parents and teachers, companions and friends, for our homes and our work, and every gift of Thine; for Thine eye upon us by day and by night; for Thy correction when we err; for the Savior, in whom we have forgiveness; for the Holy Spirit, who turns us from evil ways to Thy holy and blessed service.

For these mercies we bless and magnify Thy glorious name; and we again dedicate both our souls and our bodies to Thee and Thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life; in which resolution do Thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us, that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thou knowest, O God, the weakness and corruption of our nature and the manifold temptations which we daily meet with; and we beseech Thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be effectually restrained from sin ~~and excited to our duty. Keep us temperate in eating and drinking and diligent in our several callings~~. Grant us patience under any afflictions Thou shalt see fit to lay on us, and minds always contented with our present condition. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings, quiet and peaceable, full of compassion, and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and oppor-

tunities. Direct us in all our ways, and prosper the work of our hands in the business of our several stations. Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all things belonging to us, under Thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatsoever else Thou shalt see necessary and convenient for us, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.

1.

O God Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit us, we pray Thee, with Thy love and favor, enlighten our minds more and more with the light of Thy everlasting Gospel, graft in our hearts a love of Thy truth, increase in us true religion, enable us heartily to choose that good part which shall not be taken away from us, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy preserve us unto the heavenly kingdom, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. Amen.

2.

Lord, our God, Thou Lover of mankind, we humbly beseech Thee, enlighten and instruct us by Thy Word in the true knowledge of Thee and Thy will. Teach us Thy precepts and judgments, and let our hearts be occupied in Thy Law day and night. Confirm us in true faith, and number us with Thy flock. Vouchsafe unto us the garment of incorruption, cleanse us from all pollution of flesh and spirit, and let Thy Holy Spirit dwell in us, that all our coming in and going out may please Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

3.

Eternal and ever-blessed God, who art the Author of our life and the End of our pilgrimage, we beseech Thee so to guide us by Thy Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations that we may not wander from Thy way, but may finish our course in safety, and come to our eternal rest in Thee through the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

4.

O almighty Lord, the everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and lives, guide us evermore in the way of Thy commandments, and bring us finally to the joys of Thy heavenly and everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

5.

O God, the Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to raise our thoughts and affections from earth to heaven, that so, in the midst of all worldly vanity and change, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys and everlasting peace alone are to be found, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

6.

O Lord, God, by whom light is sown for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart, illumine our hearts, we beseech Thee, with Thy heavenly grace, and fill them with the pure wisdom which cometh from above, that we may walk before Thee in simplicity and godly sincerity all our days, not taking counsel of the world or of the flesh, but aiming and endeavoring in all things only to know and do Thy will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

7.

Almighty and most merciful God, whose name is a strong tower, into which the righteous runneth and is safe, lift up the standard of Thy Spirit, we beseech Thee, against the power of the enemy, and clothe us with the full armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, that we may be able to fight manfully the good fight of faith, and so finish our course with joy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

8.

Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father, we give Thee thanks that in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Thou hast received us as Thy children and granted us, for Christ's sake, forgiveness of sin and everlasting life. So rule us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit that we may never be unmindful of our baptismal covenant, but daily renounce every evil way, and serve Thee in true holiness, until we come at last into Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

9.

O Lord Jesus Christ, most loving and merciful Savior, who by Thy perfect obedience didst atone for our disobedience and the many other great sins of our youth: we give Thee thanks that for Thy sake and by faith in Thee we may at all times obtain forgiveness of the Father. And we beseech Thee, strengthen and keep us in this faith, and help us in these days of our youth always to follow Thy holy example. Give us to this end Thy Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of holiness and the fear of God. Make us dutiful to our parents and masters, ~~as Thou wast dutiful~~. Grant that by Thy grace we may avoid the snares of the Evil One, and preserve our lives from all ungodliness. Sanctify our souls, and guide our footsteps aright to the keeping of Thy commandments by walking soberly, righteously, and godly before Thee, that we may grow up like trees of righteousness planted by the rivers of water, bringing forth much fruit, to the approbation of our parents, to the credit of ~~the Christian congregation~~ the Church, our own happiness here and forever, and the eternal praise of Thy most holy name. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY OF A LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

O eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of man and woman, who didst qualify women for services of mercy and love, and wouldst have them arrayed in the adornment of good works; who didst strengthen the holy women Miriam and Deborah and Huldah and Anna, and, in the tabernacle of the testimony and in the Temple, didst ordain women to be keepers of Thy holy gates, and through Thy beloved Son didst accept the services of the holy women of Galilee that followed Him, ministering unto Him of their substance: we thank Thee that Thou hast established Thy Christian Church on earth, and in it made women joint-heirs with men of Thy salvation and partakers of all Thy benefits, kindling in them the holy fire of faith, the source of love and service. We thank Thee, in particular, that Thou hast given these Thy servants the blessed privilege of membership in a society for rendering aid in the work of this congregation in the promotion of Thy Word and in the furtherance of a holy Christian life, and hast hitherto

prospered their labors in Thy cause by Thy favor. And we beseech Thee so to guide them by Thy Spirit that in all things they may do what pleases Thee. May they, like Mary, ever be mindful of the one thing needful, and every day and every hour seek increase of faith and knowledge and comfort at the Savior's feet. And if, like unto Martha, they find occasion to serve, do Thou give them willingness of heart and the Spirit of wisdom, that all they do, singly or jointly, may be in accordance with the work of Thy Church, and serve for Thy glory and the true welfare of their fellow-beings. May they in a meek and quiet spirit labor to make their homes Thy sanctuaries; and as Mary took the young Jesus to the Temple, and Lois and Eunice taught Timothy from a child the Holy Scriptures, that are able to make us wise unto salvation, so let them account it a privilege to bring up their children in the knowledge and fear of Thee to useful service on earth and the inheritance of joy in heaven. Let them be full of good works and alms-deeds like Dorcas, and of a frugal mind to have to give to the needy, being assured they give Christ what they give in charity. Preserve them from vainglory, and multiply upon them the spirit of peace and mutual forbearance, that their work may not be unworthy by reason of bitterness of heart. Continue to prosper this society in its work, and make it increasingly an agency of useful service. Grant, O Lord, that we may all so fulfil our Christian calling that finally, when we have finished our course, having kept the faith, we may eternally serve Thee with celestial hymns of praise. Amen.

CHARITIES.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, who hast given unto Thy servants diversities of gifts, enriching us with the treasures of Thy kingdom, the means of grace, and the hope of salvation, and providing us richly and daily with all the necessities of life, so that we lacked not anything: we beseech Thee, make us truly thankful for Thy abundant mercies, and teach us that all our doings without charity are worth nothing. Let us not live unto ourselves in selfish enjoyment of Thy gifts, but rather unto Christ, who was dead and was raised again for us, and who said: "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another"; "Whatsoever ye would that

men should do to you, do ye even so to them"; "Ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will, ye may do them good"; and, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; for with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Let us never forget Thy mercy, lest we forget to do good and to communicate; but let us rather account it a blessed privilege to render unto the poor the sacrifices with which Thou art well pleased, and which Thy beloved Son will account as done unto Himself.

And enable us more and more to fulfil this our duty with a pure heart from love to Thee and to our fellow-men. Let us not seek honor and glory in this work; but when we do alms, let not the left hand know what the right hand doeth; neither let us regard this our service as a meritorious work, earning for us heaven; for when we shall have done all those things which are commanded us, we are but unprofitable servants, having done no more than was our duty to do. Let us give not only money, but love, giving sincerely and heartily, making sacrifices without regarding comfort or expecting returns. Help us to remember what a responsible duty is committed to our charge, rightly to divide and apportion those alms which have been entrusted to us among those in real necessity, and give us grace to act wisely and faithfully. Help and prosper our work in the future as in the past. Enlarge the sphere of our operations to the alleviation of much bodily distress. In particular, grant that the needy may be also spiritually enriched, that, seeing our good works, they may learn to know Thee, to resign themselves willingly to Thy dispensation, to behold even misery transfigured by faith, and to praise Thee with us. May those that have pity on the poor remember that they have lent unto the Lord, and that He pays them again what they have given. Let their prayers and alms come up for a memorial of their faith before Thee, and reward them plentifully with peace; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our only Savior. Amen.

HOME-FINDING SOCIETY.

O Lord God, who art the Father of the fatherless and the Judge of the widow, and hast put it in our hearts to associate ourselves together for the purpose of providing for the bodily

and spiritual welfare of waifs and orphan children by placing them in Christian homes: we thank Thee for enabling us to engage in this work of mercy and love and for accompanying our labors in the past with signal blessings. And we beseech Thee, show us the work Thou hast for us to do, give us greater devotion and efficiency in the performance of it, and turn our humble endeavors into a means for the salvation of many and the glory of Thy great name. Let us be merciful, as Thou, our Father, art merciful. Teach us that it is pure religion and undefiled before Thee to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction. Recall frequently to our minds the words of Thy beloved Son: "Suffer the little children to come unto Me," and: "Whoso shall receive one such little child in My name receiveth Me." Help us to realize the bodily perils of unfortunate orphans and their still greater spiritual dangers, if, though adopted into homes of means and comfort, they are not brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Grant that, in obedience to Thy will and from sincere gratitude for the abundant blessings Thou givest us and our children daily to enjoy, we may regard the care of orphans as both a privilege and a duty. As our Master gave His life for us and for them, may we give bountifully of our means to relieve their bodily necessities, and to have them instructed in the way of salvation, accounting it as our sole reward that the mouths of babes and sucklings do voice Thy praise. We beseech Thee also, Thou wouldst continue to prosper our work, and to widen from day to day the sphere of our useful service. Fill many hearts with such love to Christ as will render them willing to open their hearts and homes to helpless fatherless children. Remember those families that adopt our little wards; give them wisdom, patience, and forbearance for the difficult task of training aright children not their own flesh and blood, and perchance burdened with habits not easily overcome; and may theirs be a blessing as of having entertained angels unawares. Help the little ones to grow up in wisdom and favor with God and man, to be useful Christian men and women that delight in serving Thee. Bless all Thy servants engaged in supporting and carrying on this charitable work. Bless the board of directors, the superintendent, the matron, and the nurses, that right counsels may everywhere prevail and right action follow. In all they do be Thou with them, and whatever difficulties, dis-

appointments, or reproaches they may meet with, enable them in all things patiently to follow His example who went about doing good. Make us all watchful and prayerful, that we may be ready when our Lord cometh to ask for an account of our stewardship, and let us never grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Hear us for the sake of Christ, Thy Son, the Friend of children. Amen.

HOME FOR THE AGED.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, who providest for all Thy children and hast said: "Even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you"; and whose dear Son committed His mother to the disciple whom He loved, thereby showing us what to do for those who are left lonely in their advancing years: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may realize more and more fully that, as we are to honor the hoary head, so Thou wouldst have us as instruments of Thy mercy house and clothe and feed the aged, and that in so doing we are housing and clothing and feeding Christ, who will account that done unto the least of our brethren as done unto Himself.

And as by Thy guidance we have established here a Home for the Aged, dispose us to continue the good work by making us mindful of all the temporal and spiritual blessings we daily receive from Thee, and wherewith we are enabled to serve those whose strength faileth. Let us not grow forgetful of their various needs, but, loving them as our own parents, diligently seek to provide them with sustenance for the body and every necessary convenience, and, above all things, with the bread of life, the Word of God.

Graciously preserve this Home from all calamities, that its inmates may dwell securely therein, and make it for them a scene of pleasant companionships without envyings or strifes or animosities, that in quietness and contentment and godliness they may contemplate all Thy goodness experienced by them in the years gone by, and cheerfully wait for the gates to be thrown ajar and the angel to come forth that is to bear them into the mansions of rest and peace and joy, their eternal home.

Raise up many new friends to this institution, and incline them to contribute generously toward its maintenance, that its usefulness may be extended and its blessings felt in ever widening circles. Bestow upon those entrusted with the administration and management of the Home wisdom and faithfulness in their counsels and actions. And may all who by their support assist in its upbuilding learn that they are lending unto the Lord.

May we in all things perform our work in a manner pleasing to Thee. Let no worldly-mindedness enter into our charities, lest, in aiming to do good works, we defeat our faith, and even our greatest works become sins. Let us do all as in Thy presence, and after the example of Him who loved us and gave His life for us, that our work may please Thee; and hereafter receive us all into our eternal home with Thee in heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HOSPITAL.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Sun of Righteousness with healing in Thy wings, our heavenly Physician, who with Thy stripes, by Thy innocent suffering and death, didst heal the wound of our sinful nature and obtain for us spiritual health; who also didst in mercy heal many that were afflicted with bodily ailments, and daily givest to all of us life and health and all things, that as good stewards of the manifold grace of God we should minister Thy gifts one to another: we beseech Thee, give us a due sense of Thy manifold mercies, that, as we have received freely, we may freely give, and, by aiding those in affliction and distress may lead them to glorify with us Thy grace and never-failing help. And as Thou hast enabled us to erect a hospital in this place, grant that we may so conduct it as to provide the patients entrusted to us with the best bodily service, that their bodies may speedily be restored to health, but also with the right spiritual care, that their souls may be comforted and strengthened unto life and health everlasting. Fill our hearts with fervent love to Thee, that we may cheerfully and abundantly contribute of our substance for the maintenance and enlargement of the work we have undertaken for Thy glory. Bless all the friends and supporters of this institution, and may they find that, having thrown their bread upon the waters, it

will return to them after many days. Encompass the edifice with Thy mighty protection, and guard it from fire and tempest and other calamities, that those within its walls may rest in safety. Make skilful and conscientious the physicians and nurses here waiting on their calling, and enable those entrusted with the administration and management wisely and faithfully to discharge their trust. We praise Thee, O Lord, for all Thy mercies past, and pray Thee for the days to come: Prosper the work of our hands for Thy glory and the good of many. Hear us for Thine own sake. Amen.

GRADUATION OF NURSES.

O eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who didst especially qualify women for services of helpfulness and mercy, and wouldst have them appear in the becoming adornment of good works: we beseech Thee to look upon these Thy servants, who, having experienced spiritual healing through the blood of the Lamb that was slain for us, would dedicate their strength for Thy praise to the service of the sick. Let them not regard the calling which they have chosen, and for which they are so well suited, as one of superior excellence in Thy sight, but let them rather regard it as an occupation involving, indeed, faithful, diligent, conscientious, patient, and untiring labor and many hardships, but also a large opportunity of doing good. Let them labor from faith and love. Grant them true godliness, gentle forbearance, and patient endurance, that, in singleness of purpose and with a willing mind, realizing their grave responsibilities, they may worthily accomplish their difficult tasks. Let Thy Word continue to be a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path. Protect them in the way wherein they are to go, sustain them in body and spirit, and bless their faithful labors, that those entrusted to their care may with Thy help by their ministrations be restored to health, and, seeing their faith and works, may be spiritually strengthened and glorify Thee, the Father in heaven, into whose hands we commit these Thy servants; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

HOME FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

O Lord Jesus Christ, our heavenly Friend, Teacher, and Physician, who, loving all Thy creatures, gavest Thy life for the redemption of all, and wouldst have us to be fellow-laborers with Thee to bring all men to the knowledge of the truth: we beseech Thee, awaken us to a realization of our duty toward all those who, lacking that clear and normal vision of mind which Thou hast vouchsafed to us, are dependent on our charity. As Thy praise is voiced by babes and sucklings, surely Thy grace is able to gain access also to the hearts of such unfortunates. Do Thou open our hearts and hands, that we may provide for them instruction in Thy Word and other useful knowledge in the measure of their ability. Especially, we beseech Thee, let us remember those entrusted to our care in this Home, and enable us so to perform our duty by these our wards as we shall desire to have done in the day of accounting. Bless the business administration of our Home, and grant to this Christian undertaking permanence and success. Bless our teachers and give them skill and patience and power. Bless Thy Word, that, though other knowledge fail to take root, Thy Gospel may be the seed unto eternal life, when the cloud shall be lifted, and these feeble ones shall with us stand before Thy throne and glorify Thee forever. Bless the Home and all its friends, that it may be a cause of rejoicing to many and of thanking Thee, who art pleased to prosper the work of our hands; and teach us to do the good work in such manner as will surely please Thee. Lift from our minds more and more the dark cloud of sin, enlighten us by Thy Spirit, be Thou, O Sun of Righteousness, our light and life, lead us upon the way, and finally receive us into our home in glory. Amen.

THE CLOSE OF THE CHURCH YEAR.

1.

O Thou Father of mercies, we bring unto Thee this day our sacrifice of praise for the innumerable and inestimable spiritual blessings with which Thou hast favored us in Christ Jesus during the church year now drawing to its close. Thou hast caused Thy divine Word to be preached to us, which is able to make us wise unto salvation; Thou hast permitted us to enjoy the holy Sacraments for our comfort and sanctification, and hast accompanied the means of grace with the effectual working of Thy Holy Spirit

in our hearts. We bless Thee for Thy goodness and praise Thy holy name; and we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst in mercy forgive us all the sins of the past year for Jesus' sake, and graciously preserve the blessed light of Thy Gospel unto us and all Christendom. Govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that, receiving Thy Word with gladness and continuing therein all our days, we may be sanctified through Thy truth, and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2.

(In Commemoration of the Dead.)

We thank Thee, Lord God, Heavenly Father, for Thy goodness in not only preserving our temporal life, but also calling us, through the Gospel of Thy Son, unto life eternal. And as Thou hast brought us to the close of the present church year, having given us another year of grace, we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst bless our going out and our coming in, and grant us the continuance of all Thy mercies. When this day we dwell in memory with those whose gladdening presence death has removed from us, let us not be sorry, as men without hope, for those who sleep in Christ, knowing that whosoever believeth shall live, though he die, and that whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall never die. May, however, the closing year and the remembrance of the departed remind us that here we have no continuing city, and lead us to make a right use of our time as it passes. So long as our years are lengthened, give us grace to look for the city above, following those who, through faith and patience, have inherited joys unspeakable. Help us, amid the trials and temptations of this world, to work out our salvation with fear and trembling; and when the days of our brief sojourn on earth are done, and we pass through the valley of the shadow of death, abide with us and comfort us with the innocent death and all-sufficient merit of our Redeemer, that we may gently fall asleep in Jesus and awake in the glory of Thy presence. Keep our grave under the shadow of Thy wings, that it may be a peaceful resting-place, until Thou wilt raise up our mortal bodies and clothe them with immortality. May we to-day and at all times lay Thy Word to heart, that, when we shall join the redeemed that have gone before, we may begin the great new year of eternity with joy, and with all the company of heaven ascribe blessing and honor and glory and power unto Thee and unto the Lamb, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers for Evening Services and Other Occasions.

1.

(For Success of the Word.)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast permitted us once more to enter the courts of Thy sanctuary, to hear Thy Word, to sing Thy praise, to enjoy the communion of saints, and to be built up in our most holy faith on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Accompany, we beseech Thee, with Thy heavenly benediction the truth which has been preached unto us this day, that, as good seed in good ground, it may take root, grow up, and bring forth fruit in due season to the honor of Thy great name. Continue to us the use of the precious means of grace, and grant that we all who are now assembled in Thy sanctuary on earth may be numbered with the saints in glory everlasting, and render hallelujah and praise unto Thee, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, blessed forevermore. Amen.

2.

O Lord God, we beseech Thee to bless Thy Word wherever spoken throughout the entire Church. Make it a Word of power and peace, to convert those who are not yet Thine, and to confirm those that are. Oh, let not our foolish and unworthy hearts rob us of the continuance of this Thy sweet love, but pardon our sins and perfect what Thou hast begun. Make Thy Word a swift Word, passing from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip and conversation, that, as the rain returns not void, so neither may Thy Word, but accomplish that for which it is given; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

3.

O most merciful God, who wilt have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, grant, we beseech Thee, that by the preaching of Thy Gospel we may be made wise unto salvation. Keep us mindful, by Thy Holy Spirit, of all the salutary doctrines here set forth. Enlighten our understandings, control our wills, and sanctify our affections. Let

Thy Word be a light unto our path, that neither the pleasures, nor the care, nor the honors of this life turn away our thoughts from the life which is to come; and enable us with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only true God. Grant that by Thy holy Word all who are in error, or in doubt, or in temptation may be enlightened with the sure and certain knowledge of Thy truth, and that all who live in sin may be led to repentance. Regard in tender compassion those called to suffer heavy affliction, those who are sick, and those departing this life, and let them experience the rich comfort of Thy quick and powerful Word. We commit ourselves and all our fellow-men to Thy fatherly care and benediction. Be gracious unto us, and do not withdraw Thy saving health from us. Defend us by Thy power, and direct us by Thy Spirit, that we may daily increase in grace and in the knowledge of our only Redeemer, until we shall have our perfect consummation and bliss in Thine eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

4.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith, we most heartily thank Thee that Thou hast continued among us the preaching of Thy Gospel for the edification of our souls. And we humbly beseech Thee, send a blessing upon the Word which has been spoken to us, and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us the saving knowledge of Thee, that we may be confirmed day by day in the divine truth, and remain steadfast and immovable in Thy grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight, and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world, that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls. Amen.

5.

(For Profitable Use of the Means of Grace.)

O Lord, our God, Thou art the Good Shepherd, who makest us to lie down in green pastures, and leadest us beside the still waters. Thou restorest our souls, Thou leadest us in the paths of righteousness for Thy name's sake. Thou hast again revealed Thyself to us as the Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort, and we praise Thee for Thy loving-kindness and Thy wonderful works towards the children of men. Especially do we praise Thee for the knowledge of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, for Thy holy Word and blessed Sacraments, and the gracious in-

fluences of Thy Holy Spirit. — Grant that the Word spoken to us may fall as good seed into good ground and bring forth much fruit to the glory of Thy name. Forgive us all our sins and shortcomings, the coldness of our devotions, the dulness of our prayers, the distractions of our thoughts, on account of the all-sufficient sacrifice and merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification, and now sitteth at Thy right hand as our merciful High Priest, making intercession for us. Make us day by day more diligent in the use of the means of grace, more zealous in the performance of our duties, more frequent and fervent in our prayers and thanksgivings, and more holy and exemplary in our lives. To Thy fatherly care and keeping we commit ourselves. Spread over us the wings of Thy protection, and keep us from sin and harm. (Bless us and all our fellow-men, especially all widows and orphans, the poor and needy, and all that are in difficulty and distress.) Make us ever mindful of the day when we shall have to repose in the dust of the earth. Make us to die the death of the righteous, and introduce us at last into that rest which remaineth for the people of God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

6.

(For Obedience to the Word.)

O holy and most merciful God, who by Thy Word hast taught us the way of Thy commandments, we beseech Thee, pour Thy grace into our hearts and cause it to abound in us, that, being ever mindful of Thy mercies and of Thy laws, we may always incline to Thy will, and daily increase in love toward Thee and toward one another. Enable us to flee all ungodliness, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. Grant that in all things we may follow the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and walk in His steps, until we shall inherit the kingdom which He hath prepared for us in heaven. Amen.

7.

(For Pardon, Growth in Grace, and Divine Protection.)

O Lord, our heavenly Father, we acknowledge Thy great goodness toward us, and praise Thee for what our eyes have seen, our ears heard, and our hearts felt of Thy mercy and grace. We are truly sorry for the errors and sins ~~of this day and~~ of our past lives. Merciful God, pardon our offenses, correct and amend

what is amiss in us, and help us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Write Thy laws in our hearts, and enable us more and more to serve Thee by holy, unblamable, and useful lives. Let every evening remind us of the near approach of the night of death, when no man can work. Amid all the vanity of this present world keep us united, by a living faith and by the power of the eternal Spirit, unto Him who is the Resurrection and the Life, that we may escape death and the bitter pains of eternal misery. Accompany the preaching of Thy Word and the administration of Thy Sacraments with the gracious operations of Thy Holy Spirit, and continue to us and to all Christendom the means of grace and salvation. Evermore keep and preserve us in the midst of all dangers to which we are exposed either in body or in soul; and prepare us, with meek cheerfulness and Christian resignation, to receive our sorrows as well as our joys from Thee, knowing that health and sickness, riches and poverty, yea, all things, come not by chance, but by Thy fatherly hand. Keep us ~~this~~ night as under the shadow of Thy wings, that we may be quiet from all fear of evil, and be brought in peace to see the light of another day, invigorated and rightly prepared for its work; for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

8.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and through Him our Father, Thy goodness is new unto us every morning, and Thy faithfulness every night. Oh, that there were such hearts in us that we might fear Thee and keep all Thy commandments! But with deep humility we acknowledge our many sins and infirmities. O God, infinite in mercy, pardon the sins which we have committed through negligence, weakness, and frailty, whether in thought, word, or deed; and grant that they may never rise up in judgment against us. Purge our hearts from all evil passions and desires, from envy, hatred, and malice, and preserve us pure and blameless, having a conscience void of offense toward Thee and all men, unto the coming of our Lord. Bless us with all bodily and spiritual blessings, with a grateful sense of Thy kindness, with a knowledge of Thy will and a desire to perform it, and with the sure and joyful hope of everlasting life. Let the light of Thy Gospel shine on all nations. Be gracious to our own land. Bless all who are in

authority over us, that righteousness and peace may everywhere prevail. Succor the needy and oppressed, restore the sick, prepare the dying for death, and sanctify the chastisements of Thy hand unto all who are enduring them. We commit ourselves to Thy almighty protection for the night. (May our thoughts be serious and devout when we lie down; and when we awake, may we be still with Thee.) O Thou Keeper of Israel, who dost neither slumber nor sleep, be Thou the comfort and strength of our hearts and our portion forever; through the abounding mercy of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

9.

(Praise.)

O almighty God, the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Creator and Lord of heaven and earth, we bless Thee for all Thy unspeakable mercies. We thank Thee that Thou hast revealed Thyself to men by sending Thine only-begotten Son for a Mediator and Redeemer, who hath delivered us from sin, from the power of the devil, and from the bitter pains of eternal death. We thank Thee for the gift of Thy holy Gospel, whereby Thou dost gather unto Thyself a holy and everlasting Church, sanctifying it by Thy Holy Spirit unto eternal salvation. We thank Thee also for calling us unworthy sinners to be partakers of Thy grace, remitting our trespasses, and inclining our hearts to trust in Thee. From Thy hands we receive life, health, and daily bread, and under Thy protection we dwell in safety. For these and all other blessings we give Thee glory and praise, and we beseech Thee, be gracious unto us and cause Thy mercies and compassions to be new unto us every morning for Thy Son's sake; and so govern and direct us by Thy Holy Spirit that we may not, for despising Thy goodness, be rejected of Thee, but be kept in true faith unto the end. Let us arise on the morrow with health and strength renewed to serve Thee in all holy obedience, until we shall praise Thee in Thy glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

10.

(Praise and Supplication.)

O Lord God, Creator of heaven and earth, and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise and bless Thee that of Thine abundant mercy Thou hast again this day richly provided us,

not only with daily bread for the body, but also with heavenly food for our souls. Grant that Thy quick and powerful Word may abide in our hearts, working in us mightily to Thy glory and our salvation. We commit ourselves to Thy divine protection and fatherly care. Let Thy holy angels pitch their tents about us, that the wicked Foe may have no power over us. Look in mercy upon all Christendom, and deliver Thy Church from all perils and adversities. Comfort by Thy Holy Spirit all those in affliction and distress, and grant Thy peace to us all; through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator, who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, true God, world without end. Amen.

11.

Our Father, who art in heaven, with unfeigned gratitude we bring unto Thee our evening sacrifice of praise; for Thou hast brought us to the close of another day without any visible marks of Thy displeasure upon us. We beseech Thee, in Thy Son Jesus Christ and for the merits of His suffering and death, grant unto us the full and free forgiveness of our sins. Give us a cheerful faith, a joyful hope, and a peaceful love. May the Spirit of Christ ever rule and live in us, inspiring our hearts with an earnest desire to please Thee and with a dread of offending Thee. Grant to us and all our fellow-beings mercies suitable to our various wants, and enable our hearts wisely to improve them. Have compassion upon all sorts and conditions of men, and grant us grace so to live that we may never be afraid to die, but that, whether we live, we may live unto Thee, and whether we die, we may die unto Thee, that so, living or dying, we may be Thine, through the merits and satisfaction of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

12.

Praise be to Thee, O God, almighty Ruler, who makest the day bright with sunbeams and the night with heavenly fires; who hast compassed us all the day with Thy mercies and granted us at nightfall refreshing quiet and peace. Hear now, we beseech Thee, the desire of Thy people, and forgive us both our known trespasses and our secret faults. Accept our evening sacrifice of prayer, and pour out upon Thy heritage the fulness of Thy grace and Thy divine benediction. Let Thy holy angels encamp round about us; watch over us with Thy power; defend us from

all calamity and from the devices of the adversary; clothe us with the armor of righteousness, and with Thy truth as with a shield; and enable us so to pass our days that our lives may be blameless, holy, and peaceful, free from sin and void of offense. There is mercy and plenteous redemption with Thee, our Lord, the Triune God; and to Thee will we offer up our praise and thanksgiving now and forevermore. Amen.

13.

O Lord God, Father and Governor of our whole life, whose mercy is everlasting, and whose truth endureth to all generations, who art merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin: we will come before Thy presence with thanksgiving, we will make Thy praise glorious, and bless Thy name forever. Thou hast granted us life and favor, and Thy visitation hath preserved our spirit. Thou hast kept us and hidden us under the shadow of Thy wings. Thy compassions are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness. Let our mouth be filled with Thy praise and with Thine honor all the day, and forgive us all our sins. Do good unto us in Thy good pleasure, and let Thy grace and mercy abound unto us. Teach us to know the way wherein we should walk, and lead us in right paths and in the way everlasting. Keep us in Thy truth, compass us with favor as with a shield, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance, grant peace to the whole world, and especially unto Thy Church. Bless our Government and all the inhabitants of our land, establish the bonds of civil concord, and grant us prosperity and health. For all these Thy mercies we will praise and magnify Thy holy name now and forever, world without end, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

14.

Most merciful God, our heavenly Father, regard us from heaven and, for the sake of Jesus Christ, pardon all our unworthiness and transgression, that our mouths may show forth Thy praise. We give Thee unfeigned thanks for all Thy mercies bestowed upon us: for our being, for our reason, and for all our other faculties of soul and body; for health, friends, food, and raiment; and above all, for the gift of Thy dear Son

and the means of salvation. We bless Thee for Thy patience with us notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the comforts, directions, and assistance of Thy Holy Spirit; and for Thy continual care and watchful providence over us during the whole course of our lives. We beseech Thee, continue these blessings to us, and enable us to show forth our gratitude for them by sincere obedience to Thy holy laws and entire devotion to Thee. Take away from us all ignorance, hardness of heart, and undue carefulness for the things of this world. Help us to fear Thee, sincerely to seek Thy glory, and to put our whole trust in Thy mercy. Defend us from the terrors of the night, from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and from all manner of evil. Thus may all our days be spent with Thee and in Thy service, till we awake in Thy likeness, and reign with Thee in everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

15.

Almighty and eternal God, we adore Thee as the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and unite with angels and archangels around Thy throne, with the glorious company of the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and saints in heaven, as well as with Thy militant Church on earth, in ascribing unto Thee honor and blessing, thanksgiving and praise. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory. Thou hast created us in Thine own image; Thou hast redeemed us with the precious blood of Thy Son; Thou hast sanctified us by Thy Spirit, and called us out of darkness into Thy marvelous light. Grant, we beseech Thee, that at all times we may be duly sensible of these unspeakable mercies, and manifest our gratitude, not only with our lips, but also in our lives, by surrendering ourselves to Thy service, and walking before Thee in righteousness and holiness all our days. Deliver us more and more from the bondage of sin and error, from the power of the flesh, the corruptions of the world, and the temptations of the devil. Give unto us the faith which worketh by love, the hope that maketh not ashamed, the charity that never faileth, confidence in Thee that shall never be shaken, patience that shall never faint, courage that shall always be ready to confess Christ, that we may live in Thy fear, and die in Thy peace; through the infinite merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

16.

(Petitions.)

Lord God of hosts, gracious and merciful Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people. And to the end that all our doings may please Thee, we come before Thee, in obedience to Thy command and trusting in Thy promise, beseeching Thee mercifully to hear our supplications and requests. Vouchsafe unto us the continued possession of Thy pure Word and the blessed Sacraments. Govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be both hearers and doers of the Word. Cause the glorious tidings of Thy grace to be proclaimed among all nations, and powerfully incline the hearts of men everywhere, that they may hear and obey the joyful sound. Grant unto the rulers and magistrates of this nation a spirit of wisdom and godly fear. Restrain the violence of the wicked, that we may pass our days in the peaceful enjoyment of Thy favor. Give us our daily bread, defend our homes from destruction, protect our fields from harm, preserve our country from public calamities, and deliver us from all evil. We beseech Thee for everything we need, and Thou wouldst have us pray for, that Thou wouldst grant us this for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

17.

Merciful and everlasting God, the Comforter of the afflicted and the Savior of all men, we thank Thee that Thou hast graciously kept us to the present hour from all harm of body and soul. And we beseech Thee to forgive us our sins, to defend Thy Church from error and all evil, and to keep Thy servants evermore in true faith and all holy obedience. Direct all those in authority that they may so perform the duties of their office as to promote Thy glory and the common good. We ask Thee for all fathers and mothers, children ~~and servants~~, that Thou wouldst guide them by Thy counsel, and keep them by Thy almighty protection. Graciously preserve us from sickness and famine, from war and tempests, from calamity by fire and water, and from all other adversities. Increase and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, and prosper every useful and honest occupation. Touch the hearts of impenitent sinners, remember in mercy the poor and needy and the afflicted, comfort the sick and dying, and bestow Thy mercy upon all Thy faithful

children. Cast us not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us, that, continuing steadfast in faith, we may be made partakers of the life and joy everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

18.

O Lord, our God, holy and infinite, who didst cause the light to shine out of darkness, and hast also shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of Thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ: accept, we beseech Thee, our sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise, and mercifully hear our requests. Help us to be children of light and heirs of Thine everlasting glory. O Lord, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, remember Thy whole Christian Church on earth; all who join with us in prayer; all our brethren on land or sea; all our fellow-creatures throughout the earth, who may be in need of Thy gracious help. Pour out upon them and upon us all the riches of Thy mercy, that, our souls and bodies being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may serve Thee with steadfast faith all our days, and praise Thy holy name forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our only Helper. Amen.

19.

O God, our Father in heaven, who art abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin: graciously look upon Thy people, and hear the prayers of Thy children. Have mercy upon us for Jesus Christ's sake, and forgive us whatsoever we have thought, spoken, or done amiss. Grant us Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify us by His grace, and to direct and rule our hearts in all things, that so, being grafted into Christ by faith, we may plenteously bring forth the fruit of good works by leading blameless and holy lives in cheerful obedience to Thy commandments. Mercifully continue among us the preaching of Thy Word and the right use of the holy Sacraments, that Thy Church may be gathered, strengthened, and preserved until the end of days, and Thy people may worthily serve Thee. Protect all those in authority over us, and so rule their hearts and bless their endeavors that law and order, justice and peace, may everywhere prevail. Vouchsafe unto us evermore the

dews and showers of heaven, the fruits of the earth in their season, and all the common blessings of Thy providence. Guide us by Thy counsel in all our affairs, and make us equal to all duties and trials. Dispose the way of Thy servants toward the attainment of everlasting salvation, that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one true God, be glory and praise, world without end. Amen.

20.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, unto Thee do we render our humble and hearty thanks for all Thy mercies. Give us, we beseech Thee, a due sense of the manifold favors Thou hast bestowed upon us ever since we were born; and more especially teach us to value as we ought Thy great mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord, through whom alone we enjoy the means of grace and the hope of glory. We confess that we have not served Thee according to the measure of our knowledge and ability, but have again and again broken Thy laws and commandments. But, by the all-sufficient merits of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and give us the comforting assurance of pardon. Grant that by Thy Holy Spirit we may be effectually restrained from sin, and enabled to press forward toward the mark for the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus. In all the changes and trials of this mortal life, in the day of prosperity and in the day of adversity, and in the hour of death, good Lord, deliver us. We beseech Thee also to extend Thy mercy to the whole race of mankind. Have pity upon the nations that know Thee not, and have never heard of Thy name; cause the light of Thy glorious Gospel to shine among them, and visit them with Thy salvation. Look with pity and compassion upon all in affliction and temptation; upon the poor, the sick, and the dying; strengthen and support them, and give them in Thine own good time a happy deliverance. Be merciful to all that desire or need our prayers; and grant that we, and all Thy people everywhere, may serve Thee with full purpose of heart, and be made partakers, at last, of eternal happiness in Thy presence in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

21.

(For Pardon and Renewal.)

Almighty and everlasting God, our heavenly Father, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, we present ourselves before Thee in the name of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, with a deep sense of our unworthiness and guilt, but also with filial confidence in Thine infinite mercy. Grant us, we beseech Thee, the remission of all our sins, and make us to know the blessedness of the man to whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Impart unto us the power of that faith which overcometh the world, the flesh, and the devil. Fill our hearts with love to God and charity to our fellow-men. Establish in us the hope of everlasting glory. Strengthen us by Thy Spirit unto every good word and work, and make us to grow daily in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; to whom be glory both now and forever. Amen.

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22.

(For Repentance and Improvement.)

O God, Thou Lord of hosts, Creator and Preserver of all things, who, of Thine infinite mercy, didst send down Thine only-begotten Son to redeem the children of men, that by His innocent death upon the cross He might blot out the handwriting of our sins and reconcile the world unto Thee: we beseech Thee, accept our humble praise, and graciously hear our supplications. Give us true repentance; forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances, and endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Thy Word. Enable us to cast off the works of darkness, which war against the soul; and deliver us from all our enemies, both visible and invisible, that seek to destroy us. Help us to walk in Thy fear, to crucify the flesh, and to keep ourselves pure from unholy thoughts and words. Incline our hearts to desire Thee only, and let them be so fixed with steadfast faith in Christ, that, being guided by the light of Thy Word, we may at length obtain the light and joy of heaven, and give Thee praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

23.

(For a Holy Life.)

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, the Father of lights, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, who workest in us both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure: we heartily beseech Thee to perform the good work which Thou hast begun in us, that, our love abounding more and more in knowledge and in all judgment, we may approve the things that are excellent, and be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ. Teach us to live day by day in humble dependence on Thy promises, in cheerful obedience to Thy laws, and in a sure and certain hope of a blessed immortality. Keep us with Thy perpetual mercy; and preserve us, at home and abroad, in public and in private, from everything that might prove to us an occasion of falling. Thou art the God of our salvation; on Thee do we wait all the day. Comfort us by the remission of our sins. Strengthen us with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man, and give us the spirit of love, of humility, of patience, of prayer, that we may lay hold on eternal life. Satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days, and hereafter receive the crown of righteousness and life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

24.

(For Deliverance from Sin and Sorrow.)

We most earnestly beseech Thee, O Thou Lover of mankind, to bless all Thy people, the flocks of Thy fold. Shed abroad the peace of heaven into our hearts, and grant us also the peace of this life. Quicken us after Thy loving-kindness; so shall we keep the testimony of Thy mouth, and not continue in sin. Deliver all who are in trouble, for Thou art our God. Pardon those who have erred, and bring them back from their wanderings. Impart the consolations of Thy heavenly grace to all the sons and daughters of affliction and sorrow. Keep us both outwardly and inwardly, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul. Enable us to finish well our course, and make us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. Amen.

25.

(For Help to Overcome the World.)

O God of our salvation, who hast so loved the world as to send into it Thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life: vouchsafe unto us the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be firmly assured of this mystery of grace, and, cleaving to it always with true faith, may be enabled to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and to follow after holiness in the fear of God. Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, may we press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. So order the course of Thy providence toward us that all things may work together for our good. Enable us, through the aid of Thy Spirit, so to use the means of salvation we enjoy in the Church that we may be delivered from the power of our sins, and be strengthened with all might in the inner man unto every good word and work. Make us equal to all duties and trials. Help us to overcome the world. Subdue Satan under our feet. Hold Thou us up in our goings, and lead us by Thy hand in the way in which we ought to walk, that we come not short of Thy glory, and that no man take from us our crown. And finally, when we shall have thus endured to the end, through the power of Thy victorious grace, grant, O most merciful Father, that we may die in peace, and that so an entrance may be ministered unto us abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

26.

(For a Heavenly Life during Our Earthly Pilgrimage.)

O almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Thou art the Holy One, and justly offended with us; but yet Thou art our gracious Lord and merciful Father in Christ Jesus. Be pleased, we beseech Thee, to blot out our sins from Thy remembrance, and heal our wounds, that we may sin no more against Thee. Open our eyes, that we may see and amend our own infirmities and follies, and give us a perfect understanding in the way of godliness, that we may walk in it all the days of our pilgrimage. Give us a spirit diligent in the works of our calling, cheerful and zealous in doing Thy will, fervent and frequent in

prayer, charitable and useful in our dealings. Give us a healthy and chaste body, a pure and holy soul, a sanctified and humble spirit, and preserve our body, soul, and spirit blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be Thy name, O God of all mercies, who hast preserved us again and again from sickness and sorrow, from adverse happenings and a violent death, from the malice of Satan, and the evil consequences of our own sin. The outgoings of the morning and evening shall praise Thee, and Thy servants shall rejoice in giving Thee glory and thanks for all Thy wonderful dealings with the children of men and, especially, the members of Thy Church. Let Thy providence and care watch over us, that we may never sin against Thee by idleness or folly, by evil company or private sins, by word or deed, by thought or desire; and so conduct us through life by Thy Holy Spirit that, when the days of our sojourning on earth are done, and the shadow is departed, we may die in Thy fear and favor; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

27.

(For Grace to Live as Strangers and Pilgrims on Earth.)

O Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Enter not into judgment with us, O God, and deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death. Forgive us, O most merciful Savior, our innumerable sins and shortcomings. So impress us, we beseech Thee, with the constant thought of the vanity of the world, the certainty of death, and the judgment to come, that we may mortify more and more the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, and be prepared at all times for the coming of the Son of Man. Keep us mindful that we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, and give us grace to look for the City above, following those, who, through

faith and patience, have overcome the world and inherited the promises. Help us to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, that we may die in peace; through Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile bodies and fashion them like unto His own glorious body. Amen.

28.

(For Wisdom to Redeem the Time.)

Almighty, most merciful, and everlasting God, hear us, the creatures of a day. Of old Thou hast laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment, and as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed; but Thou art the same, and of Thy years there shall be no end. Show to us, Lord, the end and measure of our days, that we may know how frail we are; and so teach us to number our years that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. We must, indeed, confess that we have been unprofitable servants. We have wasted our time on vanities. But do Thou turn us, O Lord, and we shall be turned; draw us, and we shall run after Thee. So long as our years are lengthened, teach us to walk circumspectly, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Give us grace to employ our time in seeking to learn more of Thee; in mortifying the deeds of the body, that we may live in greater conformity to Thy will, and in bringing forth the fruits of the Spirit in all holiness, that Thou mayest be glorified in the world. By the cross of Christ may we now be crucified to the world, and the world to us; and may the life we shall henceforth live in the flesh be by the faith of the Son of God. Raise our affections from the earth, and set them on things above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. And when He, who is our Life, shall appear, let us also appear with Him in glory. Amen.

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PSALM 1. *Beatus vir.*

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly: nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the Law of the LORD: and in His Law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water: that bringeth forth his fruit in his season.

His leaf also shall not wither: and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 2. *Quare fremuerunt gentes.*

Why do the heathen rage: and the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together: against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

Let us break their bands asunder: and cast away their cords from us.

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.

Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath: and vex them in His sore displeasure.

Yet have I set My King: upon My holy hill of Zion.

I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto Me, Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten Thee.

Ask of Me, and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance: and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession.

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron: Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Be wise now, therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear: and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little: blessed are they that put their trust in Him.

PSALM 6. *Domine, ne in furore.*

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine anger: neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

My soul is also sore vexed: but Thou, O LORD, how long?

Return, O LORD, deliver my soul: oh, save me for Thy mercy's sake.

For in death there is no remembrance of Thee: in the grave, who shall give Thee thanks?

I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim: I water my couch with my tears.

Mine eye is consumed because of grief: it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity: for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The LORD hath heard my supplication: the LORD will receive my prayer.

Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM 8. *Domine, Dominus noster.*

O LORD, our LORD, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth: who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength because of Thine enemies: that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers: the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained;

What is man that Thou art mindful of him: and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?

For Thou hast made Him a little lower than the angels: and hast crowned Him with glory and honor.

Thou madest Him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands: Thou hast put all things under His feet;

All sheep and oxen: yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea: and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our LORD: how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

PSALM 16. *Conserva me, Domine.*

Preserve me, O God: for in Thee do I put my trust.

O my soul, Thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my LORD: my goodness extendeth not to Thee;

But to the saints that are in the earth and to the excellent: in whom is all my delight.

Their sorrows shall be multiplied: that hasten after another god;

Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer: nor take up their names into my lips.

The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: Thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places: yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night-seasons.

I have set the LORD always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell: neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for-evermore.

PSALM 18. *Diligam Te, Domine.*

I will love Thee: O LORD, my Strength.

The LORD is my Rock, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer: my God, my Strength, in whom I will trust; my Buckler, and the Horn of my salvation, and my high Tower.

I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

The sorrows of death compassed me: and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

In my distress I called upon the LORD: and cried unto my God.

He heard my voice out of His Temple: and my cry came before Him, even into His ears.

Then the earth shook and trembled: the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because He was wroth.

There went up a smoke out of His nostrils, and fire out of His mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

He bowed the heavens also and came down: and darkness was under His feet.

And He rode upon a cherub and did fly: yea, He did fly upon the wings of the wind.

He made darkness His secret place: His pavilion round about Him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

At the brightness that was before Him His thick clouds passed: hailstones and coals of fire.

The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave up His voice: hailstones and coals of fire.

Yea, He sent out His arrows and scattered them: and He shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.

Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered: at Thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of Thy nostrils.

He sent from above, He took me: He drew me out of many waters.

He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

He brought me forth also into a large place: He delivered me because He delighted in me.

The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath He recompensed me.

For I have kept the ways of the LORD: and have not wickedly departed from my God.

For all His judgments were before me: and I did not put away His statutes from me.

I was also upright before Him: and I kept myself from mine iniquity.

Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands in His eyesight.

With the merciful Thou wilt show Thyself merciful: with an upright man Thou wilt show Thyself upright;

With the pure Thou wilt show Thyself pure: and with the froward Thou wilt show Thyself froward.

For Thou wilt save the afflicted people: but wilt bring down high looks.

For Thou wilt light my candle: The LORD, my God, will enlighten my darkness.

For by Thee I have run through a troop: and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

As for God, His way is perfect; the Word of the LORD is tried: He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him.

For who is God save the LORD: or who is a rock save our God?

It is God that girdeth me with strength: and maketh my way perfect.

He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places.

He teacheth my hands to war: so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

Thou hast also given me the shield of Thy salvation: and Thy right hand hath holden me up, and Thy gentleness hath made me great.

Thou hast enlarged my steps under me: that my feet did not slip.

I have pursued mine enemies and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet.

For Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: Thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies: that I might destroy them that hate me.

They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the LORD, but He answered them not.

Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people: and Thou hast made me the head of the heathen.

A people whom I have not known: shall serve me.

As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

The strangers shall fade away: and be afraid out of their close places.

The LORD liveth, and blessed be my Rock: and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

It is God that avengeth me: and subdueth the people under me.

He delivered me from mine enemies; yea, Thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: Thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

Therefore will I give thanks unto Thee, O LORD, among the heathen: and sing praises unto Thy name.

Great deliverance giveth He to His king: and showeth mercy to His anointed, to David, and to his seed forevermore.

PSALM 19. *Coeli enarrant.*

The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth His handiwork.

Day unto day uttereth speech: and night unto night showeth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language: where their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone out through all the earth: and their words to the end of the world.

In them hath He set a tabernacle for the sun: which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The Law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is Thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors?: Cleanse Thou me from secret faults.

Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight: O LORD, my Strength and my Redeemer.

PSALM 21. *Domine, in virtute tua.*

The king shall joy in Thy strength, O LORD: and in Thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!

Thou hast given him his heart's desire: and hast not withholden the request of his lips.

For Thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: Thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.

He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest it him: even length of days forever and ever.

His glory is great in Thy salvation: honor and majesty hast Thou laid upon him.

For Thou hast made him most blessed forever: Thou hast made him exceeding glad with Thy countenance.

For the king trusteth in the LORD: and through the mercy of the Most High he shall not be moved.

Thine hand shall find out all Thine enemies: Thy right hand shall find out those that hate Thee.

Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of Thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in His wrath, and the fire shall devour them.

Their fruit shalt Thou destroy from the earth: and their seed from among the children of men.

For they intended evil against Thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform.

Therefore shalt Thou make them turn their back: when Thou shalt make ready Thine arrows upon Thy strings against the face of them.

Be Thou exalted, LORD, in Thine own strength: so will we sing and praise Thy power.

PSALM 22. *Deus, Deus, meus.*

My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?: Why art Thou so far from helping Me, and from the words of My roaring?

O My God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou hearest not: and in the night season, and am not silent.

But Thou art holy: O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Our fathers trusted in Thee: they trusted, and Thou didst deliver them.

They cried unto Thee and were delivered: they trusted in Thee and were not confounded.

But I am a worm, and no man: a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

All they that see Me laugh Me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,

He trusted on the LORD that He would deliver Him: let Him deliver Him, seeing He delighted in Him.

But Thou art He that took Me out of the womb: Thou didst make Me hope when I was upon My mother's breasts.

I was cast upon Thee from the womb: Thou art My God from My mother's belly.

Be not far from Me; for trouble is near: for there is none to help.

Many bulls have compassed Me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset Me round.

They gaped upon Me with their mouths: as a ravening and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint: My heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of My bowels.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and My tongue cleaveth to My jaws: and Thou hast brought Me into the dust of death.

For dogs have compassed Me; the assembly of the wicked have inclosed Me: they pierced My hands and My feet.

I may tell all My bones: they look and stare upon Me.

They part My garments among them: and cast lots upon My vesture.

But be not Thou far from Me, O LORD: O My Strength, haste Thee to help Me.

Deliver My soul from the sword: My darling from the power of the dog.

Save Me from the lion's mouth: for Thou hast heard Me from the horns of the unicorns.

I will declare Thy name unto My brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee.

Ye that fear the LORD, praise Him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify Him: and fear Him, all ye the seed of Israel.

For He hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted: neither hath He hid His face from Him; but when He cried unto Him, He heard.

My praise shall be of Thee in the great congregation: I will pay My vows before them that fear Him.

The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek Him; your heart shall live forever.

And the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Thee.

For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and He is the Governor among the nations.

All they that be fat upon the earth: shall eat and worship.

All they that go down to the dust shall bow before Him: and none can keep alive his own soul.

A seed shall serve Him: it shall be accounted to the LORD for a generation.

They shall come, and shall declare His righteousness unto a people that shall be born: that He hath done this.

PSALM 23. *Dominus regit me.*

The LORD is my Shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

PSALM 24. *Domini est terra.*

The earth is the LORD'S and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

For He hath founded it upon the seas: and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD: or who shall stand in His holy place?

He that hath clean hands and a pure heart: who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the LORD: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek Him: that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is this King of Glory?: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is this King of Glory?: The LORD of hosts, He is the King of Glory.

PSALM 25. *Ad te, Domine, levavi.*

Unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in Thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Yea, let none that wait upon Thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Show me Thy ways, O LORD: teach me Thy paths.

Lead me in Thy truth and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day.

Remember, O LORD, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving-kindnesses: for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth nor my transgressions: according to Thy mercy remember Thou me for Thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will He teach sinners in the way.

The meek will He guide in judgment: and the meek will He teach His way.

All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth: unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

For Thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity: for it is great.

What man is he that feareth the LORD?: Him shall He teach in the way that he shall choose.

His soul shall dwell at ease: and his seed shall inherit the earth.

The secret of the LORD is with them that fear Him: and He will show them His covenant.

Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD: for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring Thou me out of my distresses.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain: and forgive all my sins.

Consider mine enemies, for they are many: and they hate me with cruel hatred.

O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in Thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me: for I wait on Thee.

Redeem Israel, O God: out of all his troubles.

PSALM 27. *Dominus illuminatio.*

The LORD is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear?: The LORD is the Strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat my flesh: they stumbled and fell.

Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His Temple.

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock.

And now shall mine head be lifted up: above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy: I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me and answer me.

When Thou saidst, Seek ye My face: my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not Thy face far from me: put not Thy servant away in anger.

Thou hast been my help: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me: then the LORD will take me up.

Teach me Thy way, O LORD: and lead me in a plain path because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

I had fainted: unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the LORD.

PSALM 28. *Ad te, Domine.*

Unto Thee will I cry, O LORD, my Rock; be not silent to me: lest, if Thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.

Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry unto Thee: when I lift up my hands toward Thy holy oracle.

Draw me not away with the wicked and with the workers of iniquity: which speak peace to their neighbors, but mischief is in their hearts.

Give them according to their deeds: and according to the wickedness of their endeavors.

Give them after the work of their hands: render to them their desert.

Because they regard not the works of the LORD nor the operation of His hand: He shall destroy them, and not build them up.

Blessed be the LORD: because He hath heard the voice of my supplications.

The LORD is my Strength and my Shield; my heart trusteth in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him.

The LORD is their Strength: and He is the saving Strength of His anointed.

Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up forever.

PSALM 30. *Exaltabo te, Domine.*

I will extol Thee, O LORD; for Thou hast lifted me up: and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

O LORD, my God, I cried unto Thee: and Thou hast healed me.

O LORD, Thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of His: and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

For His anger endureth but a moment; in His favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

And in my prosperity I said: I shall never be moved.

LORD, by Thy favor Thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: Thou didst hide Thy face, and I was troubled.

I cried to thee, O LORD: and unto the LORD I made supplication.

What profit is there in my blood when I go down to the pit?: Shall the dust praise Thee? Shall it declare Thy truth?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be Thou my Helper.

Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

To the end that my glory may sing praise to Thee, and not be silent: O LORD, my God, I will give thanks unto Thee forever.

PSALM 32. *Beati, quorum.*

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven: whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

When I kept silence: my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer.

I acknowledge my sin unto Thee: and mine iniquity have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD: and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly pray unto Thee in

a time when Thou mayest be found: surely, in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my hiding-place; Thou shalt preserve me from trouble: Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye.

Be ye not as the horse or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle lest they come near unto thee.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

PSALM 33. *Exultate, justi.*

Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto Him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto Him a new song: play skilfully with a loud noise.

For the Word of the LORD is right: and all His works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made: and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap: He layeth up the depth in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

For He spake, and it was done: He commanded, and it stood fast.

The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to naught: He maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

The counsel of the LORD standeth forever: the thoughts of His heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD: and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance.

The LORD looketh from heaven: He beholdeth all the sons of men.

From the place of His habitation He looketh: upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

He fashioneth their hearts alike: He considereth all their works.

There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

A horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear Him: upon them that hope in His mercy,

To deliver their soul from death: and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the LORD: He is our Help and our Shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in Him: because we have trusted in His holy name.

Let Thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us: according as we hope in Thee.

PSALM 34. *Benedicam Dominum.*

I will bless the LORD at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me: and let us exalt His name together.

I sought the LORD, and He heard me: and delivered me from all my fears.

They looked unto Him and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him: and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear Him: and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good!: Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

O fear the LORD, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him.

The young lions do lack and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

What man is he that desireth life: and loveth many days, that he may see good?

Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil and do good: seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous: and His ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the LORD is against them that do evil: to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart: and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The LORD redeemeth the soul of His servants: and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

PSALM 36. *Dixit injustus.*

The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart: that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

For he flattereth himself in his own eyes: until his iniquity be found to be hateful.

The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise and to do good.

He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good: he abhorreth not evil.

Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens: and Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; Thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, Thou preservest man and beast.

How excellent is Thy loving-kindness, O God: therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy

house: and Thou shalt make them drink of the river of Thy pleasures.

For with Thee is the fountain of life: in Thy light shall we see light.

O continue Thy loving-kindness unto them that know Thee: and Thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

Let not the foot of pride come against me: and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.

There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

PSALM 40. *Expectans expectavi.*

I waited patiently for the LORD: and He inclined unto Me and heard My voice.

He brought Me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay: and set My feet upon a rock; and established My goings.

And He hath put a new song in My mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Blessed is the man that maketh the LORD his trust: and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Many, O LORD, My God, are Thy wonderful works which Thou hast done, and Thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto Thee.

If I would declare and speak of them: they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering Thou didst not desire; Mine ears hast Thou opened: burnt offering and sin-offering hast Thou not required.

Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of Me.

I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy Law is within My heart.

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained My lips, O LORD, Thou knowest.

I have not hid Thy righteousness within My heart: I have declared Thy faithfulness and Thy salvation.

I have not concealed Thy loving-kindness and Thy truth: from the great congregation.

Withhold not Thou Thy tender mercies from Me, O LORD: let Thy loving-kindness and Thy truth continually preserve Me.

For innumerable evils have compassed Me about; Mine iniquities have taken hold upon Me, so that I am not able to look up: they are more than the hairs of Mine head; therefore My heart faileth Me.

Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver Me: O LORD, make haste to help Me.

Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after My soul to destroy it: let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish Me evil.

Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame: that say unto Me, Aha, aha!

Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee: let such as love Thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.

But I am poor and needy: yet the LORD thinketh upon Me.

Thou art My Helper and My Deliverer: make no tarrying, O My God.

PSALM 43. *Judica me, Deus.*

Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

For Thou art the God of my strength, why dost Thou cast me off?: Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

O send out Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead me: let them bring me unto Thy holy hill and to Thy tabernacles.

Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God, my exceeding Joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise Thee, O God, my God.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me?: Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him, who is the Health of my countenance and my God.

PSALM 45. *Eructavit cor meum.*

My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the King.

My tongue is the pen: of a ready writer.

Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into Thy lips; therefore God hath blessed Thee forever.

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Most Mighty: with Thy glory and Thy majesty.

And in Thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness: and Thy right hand shall teach Thee terrible things.

Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies: whereby the people fall under Thee.

Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: the scepter of Thy kingdom is a right scepter.

Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows.

All Thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia: out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made Thee glad.

Kings' daughters were among Thy honorable women: upon Thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear: forget also thine own people and thy father's house.

So shall the King greatly desire thy beauty: for He is thy Lord, and worship thou Him.

And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift: even the rich among the people shall entreat Thy favor.

The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work: the virgins, her companions that follow her, shall be brought unto Thee.

With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the King's palace.

Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children: whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.

I will make Thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise Thee forever and ever.

PSALM 46. *Deus noster refugium.*

God is our Refuge and Strength: a very present Help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed: and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled: though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

The LORD of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our Refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD: what desolations He hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth: He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

The LORD of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our Refuge.

PSALM 47. *Omnes gentes, plaudite.*

O clap your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

For the Lord Most High is terrible: He is a great King over all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet.

He shall choose our inheritance for us: the excellency of Jacob whom He loved.

God is gone up with a shout: the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

God reigneth over the heaven: God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.

The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God; He is greatly exalted.

PSALM 48. *Magnus Dominus.*

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion: on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

God is known in her palaces: for a refuge.

For, lo, the kings were assembled: they passed by together.

They saw it, and so they marveled: they were troubled and hasted away.

Fear took hold upon them there, and pain: as of a woman in travail.

Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish: with an east wind.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it forever.

We have thought of Thy loving-kindness, O God: in the midst of Thy Temple.

According to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth: Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad: because of Thy judgments.

Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces: that ye may tell it to the generation following.

For this God is our God forever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death.

PSALM 56. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

Be merciful unto me, O God; for man would swallow me up: he, fighting daily, oppresseth me.

Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O Thou Most High.

What time I am afraid: I will trust in Thee.

In God I will praise His Word: in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.

They gather themselves together, they hide themselves: they mark my steps when they wait for my soul.

Shall they escape by iniquity?: In Thine anger cast down the people, O God.

Thou tellest my wanderings; put Thou my tears into Thy bottle: are they not in Thy book?

When I cry unto Thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.

In God will I praise His Word: in the LORD will I praise His Word.

In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto Thee.

For Thou hast delivered my soul from death; wilt Thou not deliver my feet from falling: that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

PSALM 65. *Te decet hymnus.*

Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion: and unto Thee shall the vow be performed.

O Thou that hearest prayer: unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, Thou shalt purge them away.

Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest, and causest to approach unto Thee, that he may dwell in Thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy Temple.

By terrible things in righteousness wilt Thou answer us, O God of our salvation: who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea;

Which by His strength setteth fast the mountains: being girded with power;

Which stilleth the noise of the seas: the noise of their waves and the tumult of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at Thy tokens: Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth and waterest it: Thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water.

Thou preparest them corn: when Thou hast so provided for it.

Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly; Thou settlest the furrows thereof: Thou makest it soft with showers; Thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness: and Thy paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn: they shout for joy, they also sing.

Psalm 66. *Jubilate Deo.*

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of His name; make His praise glorious.

Say unto God, How terrible art Thou in Thy works: through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies submit themselves unto Thee.

All the earth shall worship Thee, and shall sing unto Thee: they shall sing to Thy name.

Come and see the works of God: He is terrible in His doing toward the children of men.

He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot; there did we rejoice in Him.

He ruleth by His power forever; His eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

O bless our God, ye people: and make the voice of His praise to be heard;

Which holdeth our soul in life: and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For Thou, O God, hast proved us: Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the net: Thou laidst afflictions upon our loins.

Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads: we went through fire and through water; but Thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

I will go into Thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay Thee my vows, which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble.

I will offer unto Thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings with the incense of rams: I will offer bullocks with goats.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God: and I will declare what He hath done for my soul.

I cried unto Him with my mouth: and He was extolled with my tongue.

If I regard iniquity in my heart: the LORD will not hear me.

But, verily, God hath heard me: He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer: nor His mercy from me.

PSALM 67. *Deus misereatur.*

God be merciful unto us and bless us: and cause His face to shine upon us,

That Thy way may be known upon earth: Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise Thee, O God: let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O God: let all the people praise Thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase: and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

PSALM 68. *Exsurgat Deus.*

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered: let them also that hate Him flee before Him.

As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

Sing unto God, sing praises unto His name: extol Him that rideth upon the heavens by His name JAH, and rejoice before Him.

A Father of the fatherless and a Judge of the widows: is God in His holy habitation.

God setteth the solitary in families; He bringeth out those

which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

O God, when Thou wentest forth before Thy people: when Thou didst march through the wilderness,

The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain: whereby Thou didst confirm Thine inheritance when it was weary.

Thy congregation has dwelt therein: Thou, O God, hast prepared of Thy goodness for the poor.

The LORD gave the Word: great was the company of those that published it.

Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

Though ye have lain among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove: covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

When the Almighty scattered kings in it: it was white as snow in Salmon.

The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan: a high hill as the hill of Bashan.

Why leap ye, ye high hills? This is the hill which God desireth to dwell in: yea, the LORD will dwell in it forever.

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the LORD is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive, Thou hast received gifts for men: yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

Blessed be the LORD, who daily loadeth us with benefits: even the God of our salvation.

He that is our God is the God of salvation: and unto God the LORD belong the issues from death.

But God shall wound the head of His enemies: and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

The LORD said, I will bring again from Bashan: I will bring My people again from the depths of the sea,

That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies: and the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

They have seen Thy goings, O God: even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.

The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after: among them were the damsels playing with timbrels.

Bless ye God in the congregations: even the LORD, from the fountain of Israel.

There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council: the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.

Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which Thou hast wrought for us.

Because of Thy Temple at Jerusalem: shall kings bring presents unto Thee.

Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter Thou the people that delight in war.

Princes shall come out of Egypt: Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises unto the Lord;

To Him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old: lo, He doth send out His voice, and that a mighty voice.

Ascribe ye strength unto God; His excellency is over Israel: and His strength is in the clouds.

O God, Thou art terrible out of Thy holy places: the God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people. Blessed be God.

PSALM 72. *Deus, judicium.*

Give the King Thy judgments, O God: and Thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

He shall judge Thy people with righteousness: and the poor with judgment.

The mountains shall bring peace to the people: and the little hills, by righteousness.

He shall judge the poor of the people, He shall save the children of the needy: and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

They shall fear Thee as long as the sun and moon endure: throughout all generations.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.

In His days shall the righteous flourish: and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea: and from the rivers unto the ends of the earth.

They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before Him: and His enemies shall lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him: all nations shall serve Him.

For He shall deliver the needy when he crieth: the poor also, and him that hath no helper.

He shall spare the poor and needy: and shall save the souls of the needy.

He shall redeem their souls from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in His sight.

And He shall live, and to Him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for Him continually, and daily shall He be praised.

There shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains: the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon; and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

His name shall endure forever; His name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in Him; all nations shall call Him blessed.

Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel: who only doeth wondrous things.

And blessed be His glorious name forever: and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM 77. *Voce mea ad Dominum.*

I cried unto God with my voice: even unto God with my voice, and He gave ear unto me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the LORD: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not; my soul refused to be comforted.

I remembered God and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old: the years of ancient times.

I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart, and my spirit made diligent search.

Will the LORD cast off forever: and will He be favorable no more?

Is His mercy clean gone forever: doth His promise fail forevermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious: hath He in anger shut up His tender mercies?

And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember Thy wonders of old.

I will meditate also of all Thy work: and talk of Thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?

Thou art the God that doest wonders: Thou hast declared Thy strength among the people.

Thou hast with Thine arm redeemed Thy people: the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw Thee, O God, the waters saw Thee; they were afraid: the depths were also troubled.

The clouds poured out water; the skies sent out a sound: Thine arrows also went abroad.

The voice of Thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Thy way is in the sea, and Thy path in the great waters: and Thy footsteps are not known.

Thou leddest Thy people like a flock: by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM 85. *Benedixisti, Domine.*

Lord, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land: Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people: Thou hast covered all their sin.

Thou hast taken away all Thy wrath: Thou hast turned Thyself from the fierceness of Thine anger.

Turn us, O God of our salvation: and cause Thine anger towards us to cease.

Wilt Thou be angry with us forever: wilt Thou draw out Thine anger to all generations?

Wilt Thou not revive us again: that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?

Show us Thy mercy, O LORD: and grant us Thy salvation.

I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for He will speak peace unto His people and to His saints; but let them not again turn to folly.

Surely His salvation is nigh them that fear Him: that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth: and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good: and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before Him: and shall set us in the way of His steps.

PSALM 86. *Inclina, Domine.*

Bow down Thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O Thou, my God, save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee.

Be merciful unto me, O LORD: for I cry unto Thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of Thy servant: for unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

For Thou, LORD, art good, and ready to forgive: and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer: and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble will I call upon Thee: for Thou wilt answer me.

Among the gods there is none like unto Thee, O LORD: neither are there any works like unto Thy works.

All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O LORD: and shall glorify Thy name.

For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things: Thou art God alone.

Teach me Thy way, O LORD; I will walk in Thy truth: unite my heart to fear Thy name.

I will praise Thee, O LORD, my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify Thy name forevermore.

For great is Thy mercy toward me: and Thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

O God, the proud are risën against me: and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul, and have not set Thee before them.

But Thou, O LORD, art a God full of compassion, and gracious: long-suffering and plenteous in mercy and truth.

O turn unto me and have mercy upon me: give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and save the son of Thine handmaid.

Show me a token for good, that they which hate me may see it and be ashamed: because Thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

PSALM 87. *Fundamenta ejus.*

His foundation: is in the holy mountains.

The LORD loveth the gates of Zion: more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Glorious things are spoken of thee: O city of God.

I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon: to them that know me.

Behold Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia: this man was born there.

And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the Highest Himself shall establish her.

The LORD shall count when He writeth up the people: that this man was born there.

As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee.

PSALM 89. *Misericordias Domini.*

I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever: with my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up forever: Thy faithfulness shalt Thou establish in the very heavens.

I have made a covenant with My Chosen: I have sworn unto David, My servant,

Thy seed will I establish forever: and build up thy throne to all generations.

And the heaven shall praise Thy wonders, O LORD: Thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD: who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints: and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him.

O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto Thee: or to Thy faithfulness round about Thee?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, Thou stillest them.

Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain: Thou hast scattered Thine enemies with Thy strong arms.

The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded them.

The north and the south, Thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Thy name.

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is Thy hand, and high is Thy right hand.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before Thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of Thy countenance.

In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

For Thou art the glory of their strength: and in Thy favor our horn shall be exalted.

For the LORD is our defense: and the Holy One of Israel is our King.

Then Thou spakest in vision to thy Holy One and saidst: I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

I have found David, my servant: with My holy oil have I anointed him,

With whom My hand shall be established: Mine arm also shall strengthen him.

The enemy shall not exact upon him: nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

And I will beat down his foes before his face: and plague them that hate him.

But My faithfulness and My mercy shall be with him: and in My name shall his horn be exalted.

I will set his hand also in the sea: and his right hand in the rivers.

He shall cry unto Me, Thou art my Father: my God, and the Rock of my salvation.

Also I will make him My first-born: higher than the kings of the earth.

My mercy will I keep for him forevermore: and My covenant shall stand fast with him.

His seed also will I make to endure forever: and his throne as the days of heaven.

If his children forsake my Law: and walk not in my judgments;

If they break My statutes, and keep not My commandments: then will I visit their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with stripes.

Nevertheless, My loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him: nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips: once have I sworn by My holiness, that I will not lie unto David.

His seed shall endure forever: and his throne as the sun before Me.

It shall be established forever as the moon: and as a faithful witness in heaven.

But Thou hast cast off and abhorred: Thou hast been wroth with Thine anointed.

Thou hast made void the covenant of Thy servant: Thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.

Thou hast broken down all his hedges: Thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin.

All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbors.

Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries: Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword: and hast not made him to stand in the battle.

Thou hast made his glory to cease: and cast his throne down to the ground.

The days of his youth hast Thou shortened: Thou hast covered him with shame.

How long, LORD, wilt Thou hide Thyself forever?: Shall Thy wrath burn like fire?

Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast Thou made all men in vain?

What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death: shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

Lord, where are Thy former loving-kindnesses: which Thou swarest unto David in Thy truth?

Remember, Lord, the reproach of Thy servants: how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people,

Wherewith Thine enemies have reproached, O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of Thine anointed: Blessed be the LORD forevermore. Amen, and Amen.

PSALM 90. *Domine, refugium.*

LORD, Thou hast been our dwelling-place: in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world: even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction: and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past: and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up: in the evening it is cut down and withereth.

For we are consumed by Thine anger: and by Thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee: our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten: and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of Thine anger?: Even according to Thy fear, so is Thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return, O LORD, how long?: and let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.

O satisfy us early with Thy mercy: that we may rejoice and be glad in our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us: and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants: and Thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the LORD, our God, be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us: yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

PSALM 91. *Qui habitat.*

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, He is my Refuge and my Fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.

Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler: and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold: and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my Refuge: even the Most High, thy habitation,

There shall no evil befall thee: neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For He shall give His angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands: lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known My name.

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him: and show him My salvation.

PSALM 92. *Bonum est confiteri.*

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD: and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High;

To show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning: and Thy faithfulness every night,

Upon an instrument of ten strings and upon the psaltery: upon the harp with a solemn sound.

For Thou, LORD, hast made me glad through Thy work: I will triumph in the works of Thy hands.

O LORD, how great are Thy works: and Thy thoughts are very deep.

A brutish man knoweth not: neither doth a fool understand this.

When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish, it is that they shall be destroyed forever: but Thou, LORD, art most high forevermore.

For, lo, Thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, Thine enemies shall perish: all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

But my horn shalt Thou exalt like the horn of a unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies: and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the LORD: shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age: they shall be fat and flourishing;

To show that the LORD is upright; He is my Rock: and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

PSALM 93. *Dominus regnavit.*

The LORD reigneth, He is clothed with majesty: the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself.

The world also is established: that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old: Thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice: the floods lift up their waves.

The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters: yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh Thine house, O LORD, forever.

PSALM 95. *Venite, exultemus.*

O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise unto the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving: and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

To-day, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your heart: as in the provocation and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness,

When your fathers tempted Me: proved Me, and saw My work.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said: It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known My ways;

Unto whom I sware in My wrath: that they should not enter into My rest.

PSALM 97. *Dominus regnavit.*

The LORD reigneth, let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about Him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne.

A fire goeth before Him: and burneth up His enemies round about.

His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw and trembled.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD: at the presence of the LORD of the whole earth.

The heavens declare His righteousness: and all the people see His glory.

Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship Him, all ye gods.

Zion heard and was glad: and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of Thy judgments, O LORD.

For Thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: Thou art exalted far above all gods.

Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: He preserveth the souls of His saints; He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous: and gladness for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous: and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

PSALM 98. *Cantate Domino.*

O sing unto the LORD a new song: for He hath done marvelous things.

His right hand and His holy arm: hath gotten Him the victory.

The LORD hath made known His salvation: His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered His mercy and His truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Sing unto the LORD with the harp: with the harp and the voice of a psalm.

With trumpets and sound of cornet: make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

Let the sea roar and the fulness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands, let the hills be joyful together before the LORD: for He cometh to judge the earth.

With righteousness shall He judge the world: and the people with equity.

PSALM 100. *Jubilate Deo.*

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands: serve the LORD with gladness, come before His presence with singing.

Know ye that the LORD He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting: and His truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM 103. *Benedic, anima mea.*

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and forget not all His benefits;

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities: who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction: who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment: for all that are oppressed.

He made known His ways unto Moses: His acts unto the children of Israel.

The LORD is merciful and gracious: slow to anger and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide: neither will He keep His anger forever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth: so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west: so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children: so the LORD pitieth them that fear Him.

For He knoweth our frame: He remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him: and His righteousness unto children's children,

To such as keep His covenant: and to those that remember His commandments to do them.

The LORD hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the LORD, ye His angels, that excel in strength: that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.

Bless ye the LORD, all ye His hosts: ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure.

Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

PSALM 104. *Benedic, anima mea.*

Bless the LORD, O my soul: O LORD, my God, Thou art very great; Thou art clothed with honor and majesty;

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain;

Who layeth the beams of His chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds His chariot; who walketh upon the wings of the wind;

Who maketh His angels spirits: His ministers a flaming fire;

Who laid the foundation of the earth: that it should not be removed forever.

Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

At Thy rebuke they fled: at the voice of Thy thunder they hasted away.

They go up by the mountains: they go down by the valleys unto the place which Thou hast founded for them.

Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over: that they turn not again to cover the earth.

He sendeth the springs into the valleys: which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation: which sing among the branches.

He watereth the hills from His chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy works.

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle: and herb for the service of man,

That he may bring forth food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man: and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

The trees of the LORD are full of sap: the cedars of Lebanon, which He hath planted;

Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir-trees are her house.

The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats: and the rocks for the conies.

He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

The young lions roar after their prey: and seek their meat from God.

The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together: and lay them down in their dens.

Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor: until the evening.

O LORD, how manifold are Thy works: in wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of Thy riches.

So is this great and wide sea: wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships; there is that leviathan: whom Thou hast made to play therein.

These wait all upon Thee: that Thou mayest give them their meat in due season.

That Thou givest them they gather: Thou openest Thine hand, they are filled with good.

Thou hidest Thy face, they are troubled: Thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth Thy spirit, they are created: and Thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the LORD shall endure forever: the LORD shall rejoice in His works.

He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: He toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

My meditation of Him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.

Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more: Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 110. *Dixit Dominus.*

The LORD said unto my LORD: Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.

The LORD shall send the rod of Thy strength out of Zion: rule Thou in the midst of Thine enemies.

Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: Thou hast the dew of Thy youth.

The LORD hath sworn and will not repent: Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

The LORD at Thy right hand: shall strike through kings in the day of His wrath.

He shall judge among the heathen, He shall fill the places with the dead bodies: He shall wound the heads over many countries.

He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall He lift up the head.

PSALM 111. *Confitebor tibi.*

Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart: in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

The works of the LORD are great: sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honorable and glorious: and His righteousness endureth forever.

He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

He hath given meat unto them that fear Him: He will ever be mindful of His covenant.

He hath showed His people the power of His works: that He may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of His hands are verity and judgment: all His commandments are sure.

They stand fast forever and ever: and are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant forever; holy and reverend is His name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do His commandments; His praise endureth forever.

PSALM 113. *Laudate, pueri.*

Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD: praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD: from this time forth and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same: the LORD'S name is to be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations: and His glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the LORD, our God, who dwelleth on high: who humbleth Himself to behold the things that are in heaven and in the earth!

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust: and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill,

That He may set him with princes: even with the princes of His people.

He maketh the barren woman to keep house: and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 115. *Non nobis, Domine.*

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory: for Thy mercy and for Thy truth's sake.

Wherefore should the heathen say: Where is now their God?

But our God is in the heavens: He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased.

Their idols are silver and gold: the work of men's hands.

They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not;

They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not;

They have hands, but they handle not; feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them.

O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: He is their Help and their Shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: He is their Help and their Shield.

Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: He is their Help and their Shield.

The LORD hath been mindful of us; He will bless us: He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.

He will bless them that fear the LORD: both small and great.

The LORD shall increase you more and more: you and your children.

Ye are blessed of the LORD: which made heaven and earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath He given to the children of men.

The dead praise not the LORD: neither any that go down into silence.

But we will bless the LORD: from this time forth and for-evermore. Praise the LORD.

PSALM 116. *Dilexi quoniam.*

I love the LORD: beccause He hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because He hath inclined his ear unto me: therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.

Then called I upon the name of the LORD: O LORD, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the LORD and righteous: yea, our God is merciful.

The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and He helped me.

Return unto Thy rest, O my soul: for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For Thou hast delivered my soul from death: mine eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the LORD: in the land of the living.

I believed, therefore have I spoken; I was greatly afflicted: I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What shall I render unto the LORD: for all His benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD now: in the presence of all His people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD: is the death of His saints.

O LORD, truly I am Thy servant: I am Thy servant and the son of Thine handmaid; Thou hast loosed my bonds.

I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD now, in the presence of all His people: in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 117. *Laudate Dominum.*

O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people.

For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth forever. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 118. *Confitemini Domino.*

O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good: because His mercy endureth forever.

Let Israel now say: that His mercy endureth forever.

Let the house of Aaron now say: that His mercy endureth forever.

Let them now that fear the LORD say: that His mercy endureth forever.

I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place.

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

It is better to trust in the LORD: than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the LORD: than to put confidence in princes.

All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.

They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me.

The LORD is my Strength and Song: and is become my Salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.

I shall not die, but live: and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD hath chastened me sore: but He hath not given me over unto death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD:

This gate of the LORD: into which the righteous shall enter.

I will praise Thee, for Thou hast heard me: and art become my Salvation.

The stone which the builders refused: is become the headstone of the corner.

This is the LORD's doing: it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day which the LORD hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech Thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech Thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be He that cometh in the name of the LORD: We have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

God is the LORD which hath showed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee: Thou art my God, I will exalt Thee.

O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

PSALM 119.

I. *Beati immaculati.*

Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the Law of the LORD.

Blessed are they that keep His testimonies: and that seek Him with the whole heart.

They also do no iniquity: they walk in His ways.

Thou hast commanded us: to keep Thy precepts diligently.

O that my ways were directed: to keep Thy statutes!

Then shall I not be ashamed: when I have respect unto all Thy commandments.

I will praise Thee with uprightness of heart: when I shall have learned Thy righteous judgments.

I will keep Thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

II. *In quo corrigit?*

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?: By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word.

With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not wander from Thy commandments.

Thy Word have I hid in mine heart: that I might not sin against Thee.

Blessed art Thou, O LORD: teach me Thy statutes.

With my lips have I declared: all the judgments of Thy mouth.

I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies: as much as in all riches.

I will meditate in Thy precepts: and have respect unto Thy ways.

I will delight myself in Thy statutes: I will not forget Thy Word.

III. *Retribue servo tuo.*

Deal bountifully with Thy servant: that I may live and keep Thy Word.

Open Thou mine eyes: that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy Law.

I am a stranger in the earth: hide not Thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh for the longing: that it hath unto Thy judgments at all times.

Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed: which do err from Thy commandments.

Remove from me reproach and contempt: for I have kept Thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me: but Thy servant did meditate in Thy statutes.

Thy testimonies also are my delight: and my counselors.

IV. *Adhæsit pavimento.*

My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken Thou me according to Thy Word.

I have declared my ways, and Thou heardest me: teach me Thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of Thy precepts: so shall I talk of Thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen Thou me according unto Thy Word.

Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me Thy Law graciously.

I have chosen the way of truth: Thy judgments have I laid before me.

I have stuck unto Thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame.

I will run the way of Thy commandments: when Thou shalt enlarge my heart.

V. *Legem pone.*

Teach me, O LORD, the way of Thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy Law: yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments: for therein do I delight.

Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity: and quicken Thou me in Thy way.

Stablish Thy Word unto Thy servant: who is devoted to Thy fear.

Turn away my reproach which I fear: for Thy judgments are good.

Behold, I have longed after Thy precepts: quicken me in Thy righteousness.

VI. *Et veniat super me.*

Let Thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD: even Thy salvation, according to Thy Word.

So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in Thy Word.

And take not the Word of Truth utterly out of my mouth: for I have hoped in Thy judgments.

So shall I keep Thy Law continually: forever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty: for I seek Thy precepts.

I will speak of Thy testimonies also before kings: and will not be ashamed.

And I will delight myself in Thy commandments: which I have loved.

My hands also will I lift up unto Thy commandments, which I have loved: and I will meditate in Thy statutes.

VII. *Memor esto verbi tui.*

Remember the Word unto Thy servant: upon which Thou hast caused me to hope.

This is my comfort in my affliction: for Thy Word hath quickened me.

The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from Thy Law.

I remembered Thy judgments of old, O LORD: and have comforted myself.

Horror hath taken hold upon me: because of the wicked that forsake Thy Law.

Thy statutes have been my songs: in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have remembered Thy name, O LORD, in the night: and have kept Thy Law.

This I had: because I kept Thy precepts.

VIII. *Portio mea, Domine.*

Thou art my Portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep Thy words.

I entreated Thy favor with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to Thy Word.

I thought on my ways: and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.

I made haste and delayed not: to keep Thy commandments.

The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten Thy Law.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee: because of Thy righteous judgments.

I am a companion of all them that fear Thee: and of them that keep Thy precepts.

The earth, O LORD, is full of Thy mercy: teach me Thy statutes.

IX. *Bonitatem fecisti.*

Thou hast dealt well with Thy servant: O LORD, according unto Thy Word.

Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed Thy commandments.

Before I was afflicted, I went astray: but now have I kept Thy Word.

Thou art good, and doest good: teach me Thy statutes.

The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep Thy precepts with my whole heart.

Their heart is as fat as grease: but I delight in Thy Law.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted: that I might learn Thy statutes.

The Law of Thy mouth is better unto me: than thousands of gold and silver.

X. *Manus tuae fecerunt me.*

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn Thy commandments.

They that fear Thee will be glad when they see me: because I have hoped in Thy Word.

I know, O LORD, that Thy judgments are right: and that Thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

Let, I pray Thee, Thy merciful kindness be for my comfort: according to Thy Word unto Thy servant.

Let Thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for Thy Law is my delight.

Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in Thy precepts.

Let those that fear Thee turn unto me: and those that have known Thy testimonies.

Let my heart be sound in Thy statutes: that I be not ashamed.

XI. *Deficit anima mea.*

My soul fainteth for Thy salvation: but I hope in Thy Word.

Mine eyes fail for Thy Word: saying, When wilt Thou comfort me?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke: yet do I not forget Thy statutes.

How many are the days of Thy servant?: When wilt Thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?

The proud have digged pits for me: which are not after Thy Law.

All Thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help Thou me.

They had almost consumed me upon earth: but I forsook not Thy precepts.

Quicken me after Thy loving-kindness: so shall I keep the testimony of Thy mouth.

XII. *In aeternum, Domine.*

Forever, O LORD: Thy Word is settled in heaven.

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to Thine ordinances: for all are Thy servants.

Unless Thy Law had been my delight: I should then have perished in mine affliction.

I will never forget Thy precepts: for with them Thou hast quickened me.

I am Thine, save me: for I have sought Thy precepts.

The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider Thy testimonies.

I have seen an end of all perfection: but Thy commandment is exceeding broad.

XIII. *Quomodo dilexi.*

O how love I Thy Law: it is my meditation all the day.

Thou through Thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers: for Thy testimonies are my meditation.

I understand more than the ancients: because I keep Thy precepts.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way: that I might keep Thy Word.

I have not departed from Thy judgments: for Thou hast taught me.

How sweet are Thy words unto my taste: yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through Thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

XIV. *Lucerna pedibus meis.*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet: and a light unto my path.

I have sworn and I will perform it: that I will keep Thy righteous judgments.

I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto Thy Word.

Accept, I beseech Thee, the free-will offerings of my mouth, O LORD: and teach me Thy judgments.

My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget Thy Law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from Thy precepts.

Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage forever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I have inclined my heart to perform Thy statutes always: even unto the end.

XV. *Iniquos odio habui.*

I hate vain thoughts: but Thy Law do I love.

Thou art my Hiding-place and my Shield: I hope in Thy Word.

Depart from me, ye evil-doers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

Uphold me according unto Thy Word that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto Thy statutes continually.

Thou hast trodden down all them that err from Thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood.

Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love Thy testimonies.

My flesh trembleth for fear of Thee: and I am afraid of Thy judgments.

XVI. *Feci judicium.*

I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors.

Be surety for Thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

Mine eyes fail for Thy salvation: and for the word of Thy righteousness.

Deal with Thy servant according unto Thy mercy: and teach me Thy statutes.

I am Thy servant; give me understanding: that I may know Thy testimonies.

It is time for Thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void Thy Law.

Therefore I love Thy commandments above gold: yea, above fine gold.

Therefore I esteem all Thy precepts concerning all things to be right: and I hate every false way.

XVII. *Mirabilia.*

Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

The entrance of Thy words giveth light: it giveth understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth and panted: for I longed for Thy commandments.

Look Thou upon me, and be merciful unto me: as Thou usest to do unto those that love Thy name.

Order my steps in Thy Word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep Thy precepts.

Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant: and teach me Thy statutes.

Rivers of waters run down mine eyes: because they keep not Thy Law.

XVIII. *Justus es, Domine.*

Righteous art Thou, O LORD: and upright are Thy judgments.

Thy testimonies that Thou hast commanded: are righteous and very faithful.

My zeal hath consumed me: because mine enemies have forgotten Thy words.

Thy Word is very pure: therefore Thy servant loveth it.

I am small and despised: yet do I not forget Thy precepts.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness: and Thy Law is the truth.

Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet Thy commandments are my delights.

The righteousness of Thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

XIX. *Clamavi in toto corde meo.*

I cried with my whole heart: hear me, O LORD; I will keep Thy statutes.

I cried unto Thee: save me, and I shall keep Thy testimonies.

I prevented the dawning of the morning and cried: I hoped in Thy Word.

Mine eyes prevent the night-watches: that I might meditate in Thy Word.

Hear my voice according unto Thy loving-kindness: O LORD, quicken me according to Thy judgment.

They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from Thy Law.

Thou art near, O LORD: and all Thy commandments are truth.

Concerning Thy testimonies, I have known of old: that Thou hast founded them forever.

XX. *Vide humilitatem.*

Consider mine affliction and deliver me: for I do not forget Thy Law.

Plead my cause and deliver me: quicken me according to Thy Word.

Salvation is far from the wicked: for they see not Thy statutes.

Great are Thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to Thy judgments.

Many are my persecutors and mine enemies: yet do I not decline from Thy testimonies.

I beheld the transgressors and was grieved: because they kept not Thy Word.

Consider how I love Thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to Thy loving-kindness.

Thy Word is true from the beginning: and every one of Thy righteous judgments endureth forever.

XXI. *Principes persecuti sunt.*

Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of Thy Word.

I rejoice in Thy Word: as one that findeth great spoil.

I hate and abhor lying: but Thy Law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise Thee: because of Thy righteous judgments.

Great peace have they which love Thy Law: and nothing shall offend them.

LORD, I have hoped for Thy salvation: and done Thy commandments.

My soul hath kept Thy testimonies: and I love them exceedingly.

I have kept Thy precepts and Thy testimonies: for all my ways are before Thee.

XXII. *Appropinquet deprecatio.*

Let my cry come near before Thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to Thy Word.

Let my supplication come before Thee: deliver me according to Thy Word.

My lips shall utter praise: when Thou hast taught me Thy statutes.

My tongue shall speak of Thy Word: for all Thy commandments are righteousness.

Let Thine hand help me: for I have chosen Thy precepts.

I have longed for Thy salvation, O LORD: and Thy Law is my delight.

Let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee: and let Thy judgments help me.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Thy servant: for I do not forget Thy commandments.

PSALM 121. *Levavi oculos.*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the LORD: which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is thy Keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day: nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth and even forevermore.

PSALM 122. *Laetatus sum.*

I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the LORD.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates: O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded: as a city that is compact together,

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD: unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

For there are set thrones of judgment: the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls: and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes: I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the LORD, our God: I will seek thy good.

PSALM 124. *Nisi quia Dominus.*

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side: now may Israel say;

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side: when men rose up against us:

Then they had swallowed us up quick: when their wrath was kindled against us.

Then the waters had overwhelmed us: the stream had gone over our soul.

Then the proud waters: had gone over our soul.

Blessed be the LORD: who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

Our soul is escaped as a bird out of a snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

Our help is in the name of the LORD: who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 125. *Qui confidunt.*

They that trust in the LORD shall be as Mount Zion: which cannot be removed, but abideth forever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem: so the LORD is round about His people from henceforth even forever.

For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of

the righteous: lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good: and to them that are upright in their hearts.

As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways: the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity; but peace shall be upon Israel.

PSALM 126. *In convertendo.*

When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion: we were like them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with singing.

Then said they among the heathen: The LORD hath done great things for them.

The LORD hath done great things for us: whereof we are glad.

Turn again our captivity, O LORD: as the streams in the south.

They that sow in tears: shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed: shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

PSALM 130. *De profundis.*

Out of the depths: have I cried unto Thee, O LORD.

LORD, hear my voice: let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If Thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities: O LORD, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with Thee: that Thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait: and in His Word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the LORD more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy: and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel: from all his iniquities.

PSALM 132. *Memento, Domine.*

LORD, remember David: and all his afflictions;

How he sware unto the LORD: and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob:

Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house: nor go up into my bed;

I will not give sleep to mine eyes: or slumber to mine eyelids,

Until I find out a place for the LORD: a habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.

We will go into His tabernacles: we will worship at His footstool.

Arise, O LORD, into Thy rest: Thou, and the ark of Thy strength.

Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness: and let Thy saints shout for joy.

For Thy servant David's sake: turn not away the face of Thine anointed.

The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David: He will not turn from it:

Of the fruit of thy body: will I set upon thy throne.

If thy children will keep My covenant and My testimony that I shall teach them: their children shall also sit upon thy throne forevermore.

For the LORD hath chosen Zion: He hath desired it for His habitation.

This is My rest forever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.

I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for Mine anointed.

His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

Psalm 136. *Confitemini.*

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

O give thanks unto the God of gods: for His mercy endureth forever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for His mercy endureth forever.

To Him who alone doeth great wonders: for His mercy endureth forever.

To Him that by wisdom made the heavens: for His mercy endureth forever.

To Him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for His mercy endureth forever.

To Him that made great lights: for His mercy endureth forever:

The sun to rule by day: for His mercy endureth forever;

The moon and stars to rule by night: for His mercy endureth forever.

To Him that smote Egypt in their first-born: for His mercy endureth forever;

And brought out Israel free among them: for His mercy endureth forever;

With a strong hand and with a stretched-out arm: for His mercy endureth forever.

To Him which divided the Red Sea into parts: for His mercy endureth forever.

And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for His mercy endureth forever.

But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea: for His mercy endureth forever.

To Him which led His people through the wilderness: for His mercy endureth forever.

To Him which smote great kings: for His mercy endureth forever;

And slew famous kings: for His mercy endureth forever:

Sihon, king of the Amorites: for His mercy endureth forever;

And Og, the king of Bashan: for His mercy endureth forever;

And gave their land for a heritage: for His mercy endureth forever;

Even a heritage unto Israel, His servant: for His mercy endureth forever;

Who remembered us in our low estate: for His mercy endureth forever;

And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for His mercy endureth forever;

Who giveth food to all flesh: for His mercy endureth forever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for His mercy endureth forever.

PSALM 138. *Confitebor tibi.*

I will praise Thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto Thee.

I will worship toward Thy holy Temple, and praise Thy name for Thy loving-kindness and for Thy truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy Word above all Thy name.

In the day when I cried Thou answeredst me: and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O LORD: when they hear the words of Thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great is the glory of the LORD.

Though the LORD be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly: but the proud He knoweth afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt revive me: Thou shalt stretch forth Thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and Thy right hand shall save me.

The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: Thy mercy, O LORD, endureth forever; forsake not the works of Thine own hands.

PSALM 139. *Domine, probasti.*

O LORD, Thou hast searched me and known me: Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; Thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down: and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue: but, lo, O LORD, Thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before: and laid Thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit: or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning: and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there shall Thy hand lead me: and Thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me: even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee.

For Thou hast possessed my reins: Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

My substance was not hid from Thee when I was made in secret: and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect: and in Thy book all my members were written,

Which in continuance were fashioned: when as yet there was none of them.

How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God: how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with Thee.

Surely Thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me, therefore, ye bloody men.

For they speak against Thee wickedly: and Thine enemies take Thy name in vain.

Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate Thee: and am not I grieved with those that rise up against Thee?

I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts;

And see if there be any wicked way in me: and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM 143. *Domine, exaudi.*

Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in Thy faithfulness answer me, and in Thy righteousness.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant: for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground: he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me: my heart within me is desolate.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Thy works: I muse on the work of Thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto Thee: my soul thirsteth after Thee, as a thirsty land.

Hear me speedily, O LORD; my spirit faileth: hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in Thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto Thee to hide me.

Teach me to do Thy will; for Thou art my God: Thy Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Quicken me, O LORD, for Thy name's sake: for Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of Thy mercy cut off mine enemies: and destroy all them that afflict my soul; for I am Thy servant.

PSALM 145. *Exaltabo te, Deus.*

I will extol Thee, my God, O King: and I will bless Thy name forever and ever.

Every day will I bless Thee: and I will praise Thy name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: and His greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise Thy works to another: and shall declare Thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honor of Thy majesty: and of Thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of Thy terrible acts: and I will declare Thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness: and shall sing of Thy righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion: slow to anger and of great mercy.

The LORD is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works.

All Thy works shall praise Thee, O LORD: and Thy saints shall bless Thee.

They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom: and talk of Thy power,

To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts: and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The LORD upholdeth all that fall: and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee: and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest Thine hand: and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is righteous in all His ways: and holy in all His works.

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon Him: to all that call upon Him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The LORD preserveth all them that love Him: but all the wicked will He destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

PSALM 146. *Lauda, anima mea.*

Praise ye the LORD: praise the LORD, O my soul.

While I live, will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes: nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth: in that very day his thoughts perish.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help: whose hope is in the LORD, his God;

Which made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth forever;

Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry.

The LORD looseth the prisoners: the LORD openeth the eyes of the blind.

The LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous.

The LORD preserveth the strangers; He relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked He turneth upside down.

The LORD shall reign forever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations: praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 147. *Laudate Dominum.*

Praise ye the LORD, for it is good to sing praises unto our God: for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart: and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars: He calleth them all by their names.

Great is our LORD and of great power: His understanding is infinite.

The LORD lifteth up the meek: He casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving: sing praise upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth: who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

He giveth to the beast his food: and to the young ravens which cry.

He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear Him: in those that hope in His mercy.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Zion.

For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates: He hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth His commandment upon earth: His Word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: He scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

He casteth forth His ice like morsels: who can stand before His cold?

He sendeth out His word and melteth them: He causeth His wind to blow, and the waters flow.

He showeth His Word unto Jacob: His statutes and His judgments unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for His judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 148. *Laudate Dominum.*

Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise Him in the heights.

Praise ye Him, all His angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts.

Praise ye Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens: and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the LORD: for He commanded, and they were created.

He hath also stablished them forever and ever: He hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Praise the LORD from the earth: ye dragons and all deeps;

Fire and hail; snow and vapors: stormy wind fulfilling His word;

Mountains, and all hills: fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle: creeping things and flying fowl;

Kings of the earth and all people: princes and all judges of the earth;

Both young men and maidens: old men and children:

Let them praise the name of the LORD: for His name alone is excellent; His glory is above the earth and heaven.

He also exalteth the horn of His people, the praise of all His saints: even of the children of Israel, a people near unto Him. Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM 150. *Laudate Dominum.*

Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance: praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.

Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high-sounding cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD: praise ye the LORD.

Closing Verses Spoken by the Minister in the Place of Silent Prayer at the Close of Service.

While in some of our congregations it is customary that at the very close of each service those present pray silently with bowed heads, in others the pastor speaks this prayer aloud at the altar, the congregation following him silently. Any one of the following prayers and stanzas may be used for this purpose at the close of service.

For General Use.

Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Thy grace,
That Satan may not harm us,
Nor we to sin give place.

Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Thy Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.

Abide with heavenly brightness
Among us, precious Light;
Thy truth direct, and keep us
From error's gloomy night.

Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Thy Word.

Abide with Thy protection
Among us, Lord, our Strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us,
And overcome at length.

Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Thy love,
Grant steadfastness, and help us
To reach our home above.

Almighty God, Thy Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heaven descend.
And righteous fruits abound.

For Christmas.

Ah! dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

For New Year.

O Lord Christ, our Savior dear,
Be Thou ever near us;
Grant us now a glad New Year.
Amen, Jesus, hear us!

For Lent.

Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe,
Madest reconciliation,
And didst save me from damnation;
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thanks from my heart I offer
Thee, Jesus, dearest Friend,
For all that Thou didst suffer;
My good didst Thou intend.
Ah! grant that I may ever
To Thy truth faithful be;
When soul and body sever,
May I be found in Thee!

For Easter.

Grant us that we may rise from sin,
A holy life to lead begin,
Till we, from sin and pain set free,
In endless Easter live with Thee.

For Ascension.

Draw us to Thee,
For then shall we
Walk in Thy steps forever,
And hasten on
Where Thou art gone,
To be with Thee, dear Savior.

For Pentecost.

Spirit of mercy, truth, and love,
O shed Thine influence from above;
And still from age to age convey
The wonders of this sacred day.

Unfailing Comfort, heavenly Guide,
Still o'er Thy holy Church preside;
Still let mankind Thy blessings prove,
Spirit of mercy, truth, and love.

After Communion Service.

Thou, who feedest us below,
Source of all we have or know,
Grant that with Thy saints above
We may reach Thy feast of love!

PART II.

AGENDA.

I. Baptism.

1. THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS.

FIRST FORM.

Dearly Beloved: [We learn from the Word of God that all men from the fall of Adam are conceived and born in sin, and so are under the wrath of God, and would be lost forever, unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ.

This child, then, is also by nature sinful and under the wrath of God. But the Father of all mercy and grace hath promised and sent His Son Jesus Christ, who hath borne the sins of the whole world, and redeemed and saved little children, no less than others, from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. He also commanded that little children should be brought to Him, and graciously received and blessed them.

Wherefore I beseech you, out of Christian love, to intercede for *this child,* to bring *him* to the Lord Jesus, and to ask for *him* the forgiveness of sin and the grace and salvation of Christ's kingdom, nowise doubting that our dear Lord favorably regardeth such work of love, and certainly heareth our prayers.

And] Forasmuch as our Lord hath commanded Baptism, saying to His disciples, in the last chapter of Matthew: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost"; and also hath given promise, in the last chapter of Mark: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved": it is meet and right that, in obedience to His command, and trusting in His promise, you should bring *this child* to be baptized in His name.

[*The* EXHORTATION TO THE SPONSORS *(see below after Mark 10) may be read at this place.*]

Then the Minister may make the sign of the cross on the child's forehead and breast, saying:

Receive the sign of the holy cross, both upon the forehead † and upon the breast †, in token that thou hast been redeemed by Christ the Crucified.

Let us pray.

1.

Almighty and eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray Thee, bestow upon this *N.*, here presented for Holy Baptism, Thine everlasting grace through regeneration by the Holy Ghost. Receive *him,* O LORD, according to Thy Word and promise: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you"; and grant that *he* may obtain the everlasting blessing of this heavenly washing and come to the kingdom which Thou hast promised; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2.

Almighty and everlasting God, who according to Thy righteous judgment didst destroy the unbelieving world by the Flood, and according to Thy great mercy didst save faithful Noah and his family; who didst drown obdurate Pharaoh with all his host in the Red Sea, and didst safely lead Thy people Israel through the midst thereof, prefiguring thereby this washing of Thy Holy Baptism; and who, by the Baptism of Thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst sanctify and ordain Jordan and all waters for a saving flood and an abundant washing away of sin: we beseech Thee, of Thine infinite mercy, to look with favor upon *this child* and to bless *him* in the Spirit with true faith, that, by this salutary flood, there may be drowned and destroyed in *him* all that *he* hath inherited from Adam, and *himself* added thereto; and that, being separated from the number of the unbelieving, *he* may be securely kept in the holy ark of the Christian Church, and ever serve Thy name with fervent spirit and joyful hope, to the end that, together with all believers, *he* may be accounted worthy to attain to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Holy Gospel of St. Mark, which saith: 'And they brought young children to Jesus, that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them." (Mark 10, 13—16.)

It also behooves you as sponsors, while confessing in this sacred act the faith of the Christian Church in the Triune God, in whose name *this child* is to be baptized, to bear witness publicly in the *child's* stead that by Holy Baptism as a means of grace *he* obtains and possesses the saving faith in the one true God, and renounces the devil and his wicked works. Moreover, after *this child* has been baptized, you should at all times remember *him* in your prayers, put *him* in mind of *his* Baptism, and, as much as in you lies, lend your counsel and aid (especially if *he* should lose *his* parents), that *he* may be brought up in the true knowledge and fear of God, according to the teachings of the Lutheran Church, and faithfully keep the baptismal covenant unto the end. This, then, you intend gladly and willingly to do?

Answer: Yes.

May God enable you both to will and to do this charitable work, and with His grace fulfil what we are unable to do. Amen.

In order to implore the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ upon *this child,* let us pray:

Then the Minister, laying his right hand upon the head of the child, shall say, and the Sponsors and all present may say with him:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord preserve thy coming in and thy going out from this time forth and even forevermore. † Amen.

Then may the Minister say to the Sponsors:

I now ask you to answer, in the name and in the stead of *this child,* the questions which I address to *him,* to signify thereby that which God in and through Baptism works in *him.*

Then shall the Minister say:

N., Dost thou renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?

Answer: I do.

Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

Answer: I do.

Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead?

Answer: I do.

Dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting?

Answer: I do.

Wilt thou be baptized into this Christian faith?

Answer: I will.

Then shall the Minister apply water three times upon the head of the child, as he names each person of the Holy Trinity:

N., I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. † Amen.

Then the Minister, laying his right hand upon the head of the child, shall say:

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath begotten thee again of water and the Spirit, and hath forgiven thee all thy sins, strengthen thee with His grace unto life everlasting. Amen.

Peace be with thee. † Amen.

The Minister may add:

Let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise Thee that Thou dost graciously preserve and extend Thy Church, and hast granted to *this child* the new birth in Holy Baptism, and made *him a member* of Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and *an heir* of Thy heavenly kingdom. We humbly beseech Thee, that, as *he* hath now become Thy *child*, Thou wouldst keep *him* in *his* baptismal grace, that, according to all Thy good pleasure, *he* may be faithfully brought up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Thy holy name, and finally, with all Thy saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SECOND FORM.

(Without Sponsors.)

Dearly Beloved: In bringing *this child* to Baptism, you are observing the will of the Lord, who commanded Baptism, saying in the last chapter of Matthew: "Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." We should, indeed, value this Sacrament highly, particularly since it is the only means of grace God has given us for little children. Little children, though seemingly innocent, are by birth and nature sinful, and without forgiveness would be lost forever. We know that God gave His Son into death to atone for the sins of all, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. But as little children are as yet unable to understand the Gospel, faith cannot be worked in them by telling them of Christ. We can never sufficiently thank God, therefore, that He has made Baptism a means whereby He works in little children with His divine grace, turning their hearts to faith, cleansing away their sins, and receiving them into His kingdom. The simple act of Baptism has such wonderful power because the almighty God Himself works in it through His Word. "Baptism is not simple water only, but it is the water comprehended in God's command and connected with God's Word." The divine Word makes Baptism what Paul calls it, Titus 3, "the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost." For this reason Christ says in the last chapter of Mark: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

It is meet and right, therefore, that we should here, in the sight of God, administer and employ this blessed Sacrament in the fear of God, with due reverence, and with sincere devotion.

Receive the sign of the holy cross, both upon the forehead † and upon the breast †, in token that thou hast been redeemed by Christ the Crucified.

Hear the holy Gospel of St. Mark, which saith: "And they brought young children to Him that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little

child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them." (Mark 10, 13—16.)

In order to ask this blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ upon *this child*, let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful God, whose promises are unto us and unto our children, we heartily beseech Thee to look upon *this child* with Thy tender mercy, and to renew *him* by Thy Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism, that *he* may be Thy *child* and *an heir* of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord preserve thy coming in and thy going out from this time forth and even forevermore. † Amen.

Let us now confess our Christian faith, into which *this child* is to be baptized:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

N., I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. † Amen.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath begotten thee again of water and the Spirit, and hath forgiven thee all thy sins, strengthen thee with His grace unto life everlasting. Amen.

Peace be with thee. † Amen.

Let us pray.

We thank Thee, gracious Father, that Thou hast received *this child* through Holy Baptism into the covenant and kingdom of Thy grace, in which we have forgiveness of sin and everlasting life. Grant, we beseech Thee, that, being buried with Christ in Baptism, *he* may be dead unto sin and made alive unto righteousness, that in the end, together with *his* parents and all saints, *he* may obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

EMERGENCY BAPTISM.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen.

Receive the sign of the holy cross, both upon the † forehead and the † breast, in token that thou hast been redeemed by Christ the Crucified.

[If there is time, the words of the holy Gospel, as they are written in the tenth chapter of Mark, vv. 13—16, may be read, also a prayer, e. g.:

Eternal, merciful God, we pray Thee, extend Thy goodness and mercy unto *this child* who now asks; open the door to *him* who knocks, that *he* may enjoy the everlasting blessing of Thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which Thou hast prepared through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Or:—

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast commanded us to bring the little children unto Thee, and promised to receive them. Graciously receive *this child* for Thy mercy's sake. Amen.

Lord's Prayer.]

(In urgent cases the minister may begin with these words:)

By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, and firmly believing His comforting promise, I baptize thee, *N.*, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then may the Minister say the Lord's Prayer (if it was not used before) and the Creed, closing with:

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath begotten thee again of water and the Spirit, and hath forgiven thee all thy sins, strengthen thee with His grace unto life everlasting. Amen.

Peace be with thee. † Amen.

Then may the Minister intercede for the child:

Gracious Father in heaven, let Thy grace be manifested upon *this child,* now committed to Thee, whom Thou lovest far more than *his* earthly parents do. Do now unto *him,* we pray Thee, according to Thy good pleasure. Not our will, dear Father, but Thy will be done. If Thou wilt spare *his* life, grant that *he* may grow in grace to the glory of Thy name and the joy of *his* parents. If it should please Thee to remove *him* from this world into the heavenly home, we will still praise Thy holy name. Thou hast redeemed *him,* Thou faithful Lord; into Thy hands we commit *his* spirit. Amen.

2. CONFIRMATION OF LAY-BAPTISM.

Beloved in the Lord: *This child,* on account of extreme illness, hath received emergency baptism. But God the Lord, in His great mercy, hath preserved *his* life, and we have come here to be assured by public confirmation in due Christian order, that *this child* hath been baptized properly, and in accordance with the Word of God, and that *his* Baptism was a valid, Christian, saving Baptism. I therefore ask you, in the presence of God, to answer the following questions: —

Hath *this child* been baptized?

Answer: Yes.

By whom was *he* baptized?

Answer: N. baptized the child.

With what was *he* baptized?

Answer: With water.

With what words was *he* baptized?

Answer: With the words, "I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Are you sure that the words were used in accordance with Christ's command?

Answer: Yes, we are sure.

Who was present at the time?

Answer: N. and *N.* were present.

Do you testify that all was done as is here said?

Answer: Yes.

What name did the child receive in baptism?

Answer: The name *N. N.*

If the child has not been named, the Minister says:

How shall this child be named?

Answer: It is to be named *N. N.*

Forasmuch, then, as you have done this in the name and upon the command of our Lord, you have done what was meet and right; for little children need the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who also graciously encouraged the bringing of them to Him, as we are comfortably assured in the tenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark, where it saith: "And they brought young children to Him that He should touch them. And His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them." (Mark 10, 13—16.)

From these words of the Lord Jesus we may be confident that *this child* also hath been received into the kingdom of grace. Let us, therefore, pray that it may be kept steadfast in the same unto eternal salvation.

The Minister, laying his hand upon the head of the child, shall then say:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath begotten thee again of water and the Spirit, and hath forgiven thee all thy sins, strengthen thee with His grace unto everlasting life. Amen.

Peace be with thee. † Amen.

Let us pray:

O almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank Thee that Thou didst receive *this child* into Thy favor, and beseech Thee to strengthen him by Thy Holy Spirit, that *he* may grow and increase in the new life to which Thou hast begotten *him* again. Grant unto *his* parents and us all, to this

end faithfully to serve Thee in *this child,* that, as *a* living *member* of Thy Church, *he* may bring forth much fruit to the praise and honor of Thy holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

If the Minister be uncertain whether the child has been baptized, he shall baptize it according to the common Form.

3. THE BAPTISM OF ADULTS.

When an adult person is baptized, it is not necessary for him to receive Confirmation.

There may be held an Address and a brief Examination of the person to be baptized, and then the Minister may say:

Dearly Beloved: Our Lord and Savior said to Nicodemus: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." All men, from the fall of Adam, being conceived and born in sin, are under the wrath of God and would be lost forever, had not the Father of all mercy and grace given His only-begotten Son Jesus Christ for the blotting out of our sins. In order that all men might come to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, He has entrusted to His Church the means of grace for our salvation, saying, in the last chapter of Matthew: "Go ye, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you"; and again, in the last chapter of Mark: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Whereas, then, in obedience to Christ's command, and trusting in His promise, after due instruction in the principal doctrines of the Christian religion, *this present person* desires to be baptized, let us call upon our heavenly Father to grant *him* all the promised blessings of the Sacrament.

O almighty and everlasting God, we bless Thee for Thy great mercy in calling *this* Thy *servant* unto faith in Thee, and we beseech Thee, remove from *him* all blindness of heart, and open unto *him* the gates of Thy mercy, that by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, the life which

has already been begun in *him* may be increased, strengthened, and confirmed, and *he* may be sealed unto eternal life, growing daily in grace, fighting the good fight of faith, and being steadfast and unmovable unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

N., I now ask thee in the presence of God and these witnesses to answer the following questions:

Dost thou renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?

Answer: I do.

Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead?

Dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting?

Answer: I do.

Dost Thou desire to be baptized into this Christian faith?

Answer: I do.

Wilt thou, then, continue steadfast in the true Christian faith as it is confessed by our Evangelical Lutheran Church, and lead a godly life, even unto the end?

Answer: I will, with the help of God.

Then shall the person to be baptized kneel, and the Minister baptize him with water, saying:

N., I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. † Amen.

Then the Minister, laying his right hand on the head of the person baptized, shall say:

The almighty God and Father, who through the washing of Holy Baptism hath sealed in *thee* the new birth unto eternal life, and hath confirmed to *thee* the forgiveness of all *thy* sins unto salvation, strengthen and keep *thee* in His grace, and, finally, crown *thee* with everlasting glory. Amen.

In the name of the Church of Christ, I also invite *thee*, as a baptized and instructed member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to participate with us in the reception of the Lord's Supper, for the strengthening of *thy* faith, for *thy* furtherance in holiness of life, and in testimony of the communion of faith.

Peace be with thee. † Amen.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of Thy grace and to faith in Thee; and we beseech Thee, increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us ever more. Bestow Thy Holy Spirit upon *this person*, that, being born again and made *an heir* of everlasting salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, *he* may continue Thy *servant* and attain Thy promises; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

The service may then be closed with the singing of a Hymn and the Benediction.

II. Confirmation.

When children have attained such a knowledge of the truths of the Christian religion as are contained in the Catechism, that, pursuant to the injunction of St. Paul, 1 Cor. 11, 28, they are able to examine themselves, they should no longer be kept from the Holy Supper. Before they receive the Holy Sacrament, however, they should be examined and confirmed in the presence of the assembled congregation.

After the singing of a Hymn, the Minister may introduce the Examination by the following or other Address:

Dearly Beloved: Holy Baptism is the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which God shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Savior, that, being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Through this Sacrament God receives little

children into His covenant and kingdom of grace, working faith in them, and making them members of Christ's Church and temples of His Holy Spirit.

And as God will not suffer His faithfulness to fail, but keep His covenant and mercy, even so He says to each of His own: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." To the end, however, that this purpose of God may be accomplished, and children may grow in grace and Christian knowledge as they advance in years, the Lord gave commandment, saying to parents through the Apostle Paul: "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," and to the Church, even as unto Simon Peter: "Feed My lambs."

In accordance, then, with Christ's command, children are instructed in the Christian faith. When they reach an age of discretion and understand the covenant entered into by them by the grace of God in Holy Baptism, they should daily give their hearts to God, and let their eyes observe His ways. In particular, being able to examine themselves and to discern the Lord's body, they should for their furtherance in grace receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion with the Church of God.

To encourage such growth in Christian knowledge and faith, the rite of Confirmation is maintained in the Church. The catechumens publicly make profession of the true faith and pledge themselves anew to the covenant made between them and God. The Christian congregation, or Church, the dispenser of God's mysteries, having assured itself that the catechumens possess such knowledge of Christian doctrine as may give warrant of their worthily eating the body and drinking the blood of Christ, invites them to receive the Holy Supper, and, with the laying on of hands, prays over them for the Holy Spirit of God, that they may grow in grace, be steadfast and unmovable in their profession, become fruitful in every good work, and in the end receive the crown of life.

A number of persons have here presented themselves for Confirmation. We shall now examine them in the chief parts of Christian doctrine, for the purpose of setting forth that they understand the faith they are about to profess.

Then shall the Catechumens be briefly examined.

A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost may then be sung, followed by the Sermon.

Then may the Minister address the Catechumens thus:

Dearly Beloved: When you were little children, [most of] you were received into God's covenant of grace in Holy Baptism. And now, having learned the meaning of this covenant from your instruction in the Word of God, you are gathered here before God and this Christian congregation publicly to make profession of your faith in the Triune God, and to renew your covenant with Him, to dedicate yourselves body and soul for time and for eternity to your God and Lord. [Others of you are to make this public profession and promise and then, in obedience to Christ's command, to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.] Lift up your hearts with me, therefore, to the God of all grace, and cheerfully give answer to what, in the name of the Lord, as a minister of His holy Church, I now shall ask you.

[*When adults not previously baptized present themselves for Confirmation, the Minister may say:* Dearly Beloved, inasmuch as you have been instructed in Christian doctrine and are desirous of Baptism and Confirmation, I now call upon you to make the following profession of faith, — *beginning with question 2 below.*]

1. Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this Christian congregation, renew and confirm the solemn covenant which at your Baptism you made with the Triune God?

Answer: We do.

2. Do you, then, renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?

Answer: We do.

3. Do you believe in God the Father?

Answer: Yes, we believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

4. Do you believe in God the Son?

Answer: Yes, we believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

5. Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost?

Answer: Yes, we believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy

Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.

[6. Do you desire to be members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church?

Answer: We do.]

7. Do you hold all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Bible, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, to be the true and correct one?

Answer: We do.

8. Do you also, as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, intend to continue steadfast in the confession of this Church, and suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

Answer: We do so intend, with the help of God.

9. Finally, do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the rule of the divine Word, to walk as it becometh the Gospel of Christ, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to the Triune God, even unto death?

Answer: We do so intend, by the grace of God.

Then shall the Minister say:

Give now your hand at the Lord's altar, as a pledge of your promise, and, kneeling, receive His blessing.

Then shall the Catechumens come forward, one by one, or in groups, as the Minister may have appointed, and, giving the Minister their right hand, kneel down before the altar.

Then shall the Minister, laying his hands upon each one separately, pronounce the Benediction, adding a Scripture-passage as a memorial of confirmation, saying: N. N.:

1. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give thee His Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God. Amen.

Or:

2. The Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, renew and increase in thee the gift of the Holy Ghost, to thy strengthening in faith, to thy growth in grace, to thy patience in suffering, and to the blessed hope of everlasting life. Amen.

Or:

3. The God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make thee perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle thee, and keep thee through faith unto eternal life. Amen.

Or:

4. The God of peace sanctify thee wholly; and may thy whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Or:

5. May God, who hath begun the good work in thee, perform it until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Then the Minister shall say:

Upon these your voluntary professions and promises, I, in the name of the Church of Christ, invite and welcome you, as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to participate with us in all the rights and privileges of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lord bless you, and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

Then shall the Minister invite the Congregation to make intercession, as follows:

Since it is God alone who worketh both to will and to do of His good pleasure, it behooveth us, dear friends in Christ, to call upon Him for these young members of this Christian congregation, that He would graciously perform the good work which He hath begun in them. Let us, therefore, [kneel down and] pray.

1.

Almighty and everlasting God, who makest us both to will and to do those things which are good and acceptable unto Thy divine Majesty, we make our humble supplications unto Thee for these Thy servants. Let Thy fatherly hand, we beseech Thee, ever be over them, let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word that in the end they may obtain everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

2.

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank and praise Thee for Thy great goodness in bringing these Thy servants to the knowledge of Thy Son Jesus Christ and the truth of the Gospel re-

vealed through Him, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His name. We also entreat Thee to enlighten and strengthen them by Thy Holy Spirit, that they may daily increase in living faith, in godly fear, in patience under trials, in true knowledge of Thee, and in all other things profitable to their eternal salvation. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith and love, they may continue steadfast and victorious unto the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

3.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank Thee that Thou hast brought these Thy servants to Thy Son Jesus Christ in Holy Baptism, cleansed them by His blood, and buried them with Him by Baptism into His death. And we beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to renew in them the gift of the Holy Ghost, that their hearts may be filled with the light of Thy Gospel. Increase in them pure knowledge and true faith, that they may firmly believe in Thee, the only true God, and in Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent, and ever cleave to Thee with steadfast confidence. Defend them from the power of darkness, and establish them in the kingdom of Thy Son, wherein we have redemption and forgiveness of sins. Fill their hearts and minds with the peace of Christ, the joy of the Holy Spirit, and love to Thee and all mankind. Endow them plenteously with the gifts of Thy heavenly grace, that they may be led into all truth, mortify the deeds of the flesh, overcome the assaults and temptations of the Wicked One, and serve Thee in Thy Church in holiness and righteousness all their days; and that, together with all true believers, they may, with joyful hearts and watchful prayer, and in soberness and godly living, hope and wait for the coming of the Savior, to the honor of Thy holy name, who livest and reignest, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

4.

Almighty and everlasting God, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who, of Thine infinite mercy, hast added to Thy Church these Thy servants by causing them to be born again

of water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given them knowledge of their redemption in Christ, and power to own and confess Thee in the presence of Thy people: we thank Thee for the great mercy Thou hast been pleased to show them, and beseech Thee, strengthen them by Thy Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them the manifold gifts of Thy grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, that they may be kept in the kingdom and covenant of Christ, through faith, unto everlasting life. Fortify them against the assaults of sin. Let not Satan prevail against them. Keep them from the evil that is in the world. Help them to walk in the Spirit, that they may not fulfil the lusts of the flesh, but serve Thee in holiness and righteousness all their days. Defend them from all heresy and schism, from all apostasy and unbelief. Make them faithful unto death, that no man may take from them their crown. And grant that, continuing steadfast in faith and hope, they may at the end be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Then shall be sung a Hymn, followed by the Benediction.

III. The Reception of Converts.

1.

Dear Friends in Christ: *N. N.*, here present, desires to become a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, being fully convinced that in it the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and the Sacraments are administered according to their institution by Christ.

I, therefore, ask *thee, N. N.*, in the presence of God and of this congregation:

Dost thou acknowledge and confess the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to be the true and unaltered teachings of the Word of God?

Answer: I do.

Dost thou therefore desire, in sincere obedience to God, to be received by us into the communion of the Evangelical Lutheran Church?

Answer: I do.

Dost thou intend to continue in the confession of this Church, to make diligent use of the means of grace, and to lead a sober, righteous, and godly life, even unto the end?

Answer: I do so intend, with the help of God.

Upon this *thy* promise, I, in the name of this Congregation, give to *thee* the right hand of fellowship and love, acknowledging *thee* as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and inviting *thee* to join us in the reception of the Lord's Supper, and to participate in all the other blessings of salvation which God has given to His Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with *thee*, enabling *thee* to receive the truth in the love of it, and to do the will of God from the heart, and keeping *thee* unto His kingdom and glory. Amen.

Depart in peace.

2.

(Announcement to Congregation.)

Dearly Beloved: *N. N.*, having become convinced that the doctrines of the Evangelical Lutheran Church are the very truth of God's holy Word, has declared *his* conviction before the pastor and church council of this Congregation, and has been received as a member of this Congregation. May the God of all grace, who has led *him* to see and confess the pure truth of the Gospel, preserve and strengthen *him* in true faith, that *he* may continue steadfast unto the end and receive the crown of everlasting life! Amen.

IV. The Reception of Voting Members.

1.

(By Transfer.)

Persons to be received as members of the congregation may be addressed as follows:

Dearly Beloved: You are here, as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to become a member of this Congregation [or, to transfer your membership to this Congregation]. And whereas nothing has been shown to hinder your reception into communion with us, I ask you, in the presence of God and of this assembly:

Do you intend to submit to the government and discipline of this Congregation, administered according to its established forms and order?

Answer: I do so intend.

The Minister then gives his right hand, saying:

Upon this your promise, I, in the name of this Congregation, give to you the right hand of fellowship and love, and invite you to join us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and to participate in all the rights and privileges of this Congregation. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

Depart in peace.

2.

(By Profession.)

Persons to be received as members of the congregation may be addressed as follows:

Dearly Beloved: Whereas you, a baptized and confirmed member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, have expressed the desire to become a voting member of this Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, and to the end that all men may know there is no impediment to your reception into communion with us, I now ask you, *N. N.*, to repeat your confession in the presence of God and of this Congregation by answering the following questions:—

Do you acknowledge and confess the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to be the true and unaltered teachings of the Word of God?

Answer: I do.

Do you intend to continue in the confession of this Church,

to make diligent use of the means of grace, and to lead a sober, righteous, and godly life, even unto the end?

Answer: I do so intend, with the help of God.

Do you intend to submit to the government and discipline of this Congregation, administered according to its established forms and order?

Answer: I do so intend.

The Minister then gives his right hand, saying:

Upon this your promise, I, in the name of this Congregation, give to you the right hand of fellowship and love, and invite you to join us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and to participate in all the rights and privileges of this Congregation. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

Depart in peace.

V. Announcement of Excommunication and of Restoration.

A.

1. Excommunication by the Congregation.

Beloved in Christ: It is my painful duty to make known to you that our fellow-member, *N. N.*, has fallen into great sin and persisted therein to this day. Although repeatedly admonished from the Word of God, *he* has manifested no evidence of true repentance. The assembled Congregation has, therefore, excommunicated this *N. N.* until *he* give evidence of repentance. May the almighty and merciful God grant *him* grace to know *his* sin, work in *him* true contrition, and awaken *him* to reformation of life. Amen.

2. Self-Excommunication.

It is my painful duty to make known to you that *N. N.*, being under discipline, has declared *his* withdrawal from this Congregation. *He* has thereby deprived us of the opportunity to admonish *him* henceforth as a *brother;* and we are constrained to commit *his* cause to Him that judgeth righteously. May the Lord, of His great mercy, grant *him* knowledge of *his* sinful conduct that *he* may repent and return. Amen.

B.

Restoration.

Beloved in Christ: Whereas *N. N.*, after being under excommunication for a time, has now, by the grace of God, given evidence of repentance, the Congregation, in meeting assembled, has released the said *N. N.* from excommunication, and restored *him* to Christian fellowship in this Congregation. May God by His Holy Spirit graciously enable *him* to continue steadfast in faith and godliness unto the end, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

VI. Marriage.

First Form.

Dearly Beloved: Forasmuch as you purpose to enter upon the holy estate of matrimony, which is to be held in honor by all, it becometh you to hear what the Word of God teacheth concerning it.

Know ye, therefore, that God Himself ordained marriage when He said:

"It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib which the Lord God had taken from man made He a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh."

Hear also what God hath commanded as touching the conduct of spouses toward each other:

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.

"So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the Church.

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be unto their own husbands in everything."

Hear also the cross which by reason of sin God hath laid upon this estate:

"Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."

Nevertheless, marriage is well-pleasing to God, and hath His blessings; for it is written:

"God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them: Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good. Therefore Solomon also saith: Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord."

The Psalm, also, saith of the man:

"Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord, that walketh in His ways. For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands. Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house; thy children like olive plants about thy table. Behold that thus

shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion; and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel."

Thus God hath sanctified marriage, and will continue to bless therein all who trust in Him and live in His fear; for Christ, having atoned for our sin, hath hallowed even the crosses of those who believe in Him.

Into this holy estate you now come to be united, and that all men may know your mutual consent in holy wedlock to have been sincerely and freely given, it behooveth you to declare, in the presence of these witnesses, the sincere intent you both have.

I therefore ask you:

N., wilt thou have *N.*, here present, to be thy wedded wife? Wilt thou love, honor, and cherish her, and keep with her this bond of wedlock holy and unbroken till death you do part? If so, declare it before God and these witnesses by saying, I will.

Answer: I will.

N., wilt thou have *N.*, here present, to be thy wedded husband? Wilt thou love, honor, cherish, and obey him, and keep with him this bond of wedlock holy and unbroken till death you do part? If so, declare it before God and these witnesses by saying, I will.

Answer: I will.

If the wedding-ring be used, the Minister shall now ask for it, and, taking it, he shall deliver it to the man to be put on the fourth finger of the woman's left hand, and the Minister shall say, and the man may say after him:

Receive this ring as a pledge and token of wedded love and faithfulness.

If two rings be used, the Minister shall say:

Exchange rings as a pledge and token of wedded love and faithfulness.

Then shall the Minister say:

Join your right hands.

Here the Minister may direct the man to say after him:

I, *N.*, in the presence of God and this assembly, take thee, *N.*, to be my wedded wife, and plight thee my troth in every duty, not to part from thee till death us do part.

In like manner may the woman also say after the Minister:

I, *N.*, in the presence of God and this assembly, take thee, *N.*, to be my wedded husband, and plight thee my troth in every duty, not to part from thee till death us do part.

Then shall the Minister say:

What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder. And forasmuch as *N.* and *N.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this assembly, I pronounce them husband and wife, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. † Amen.

The persons married may then kneel for prayer, and the Minister shall say:

1.

Almighty God, who didst create man and woman, and didst join them together in marriage, thereby signifying the mystery of the union betwixt Thy Son Jesus Christ and His Bride, the Church: we beseech Thine infinite goodness, let not this Thy blessed work and ordinance be set aside or brought to naught, but graciously protect and preserve it. Especially let Thy blessing rest upon these Thy servants; so rule them by Thy Holy Spirit that they may live together to Thy glory and to their own welfare in this life and in that which is to come. Keep them in Thy favor, and bring them unto everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2.

Lord, our God, our Helper and our Comforter in time and in eternity, graciously look upon these Thy servants, who according to Thy holy ordinance have entered the covenant of wedded love and troth. Do Thou bless them, and so guide them by Thy Holy Spirit that in all things Thy good and gracious will may be done in them. May they let the Word of Christ dwell in them richly, and do Thou make their home and their hearts Thy dwelling-place. Grant that their souls be united in Christ Jesus unto one mind by love, and may their mutual true affection never know doubt or change. Do Thou bless them in each other, and enable them in wisdom and meekness to bear with patience each other's infirmities. Prosper the work of their hands, and crown their lives with Thy loving-kindness and tender

mercies. Let even their crosses and afflictions yield them the peaceable fruit of righteousness as an abiding blessing, and teach them, in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, to make their requests known unto Thee. And when in steadfast faith they have finished their pilgrimage on earth, give them a dwelling-place with Thee in heavenly joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Minister lay his hands upon the heads of the two and say:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord bless you, and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

Second Form.

The persons to be married having presented themselves before the altar, the man on the right hand and the woman on his left, the Minister shall say:

Dearly Beloved: We are assembled here in the presence of God and these witnesses to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony, which was instituted by God for the welfare and happiness of mankind, blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ, and likened by St. Paul to the mystical union subsisting between Christ and His Church, and is to be held in honor among all men. Wherefore those who purpose to enter this holy estate should do so with a profound sense of the seriousness of the obligations they are about to assume, bearing in mind that the vow and covenant once made may not be broken, and duly and devoutly weighing what Holy Scripture teaches concerning husbands and wives. Our Savior has declared that a man shall forsake his father and mother and cleave unto his wife, for they twain shall be one flesh. By His apostles He has instructed those who enter into wedlock to cherish mutual esteem and love; to bear with each other's infirmities and weaknesses;

to comfort each other in sickness, trouble, and sorrow; in honesty and industry to provide for each other and for their household in temporal things; to pray for and encourage each other in the things which pertain to God; and to live together as the heirs of the grace of life.

Or:

Dearly Beloved: We are gathered together here in the sight of God to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony, which is commended of St. Paul to be honorable among all men, and therefore is not by any to be entered into unadvisedly or lightly, but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God.

These two persons have come hither to be made one in this holy estate. If there be any here present who can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined in marriage, let him now speak, or ever after hold his peace.

Forasmuch, then, as nothing has been shown to hinder this marriage, I ask you:

N., wilt thou have this woman [or, *N.*, here present,] to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her so long as ye both shall live?

Answer: I will.

N., wilt thou have this man [or, *N.*, here present,] to be thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love him, honor and obey him, and keep him, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him as long as ye both shall live?

Answer: I will.

Then the Minister may say:

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

Then may they give their troth to each other in this manner. The father or friend of the woman shall put her right hand into the hand of the Minister, who shall cause the man with his right hand to take the woman by her right hand, and to say after him:

I, *N.*, in the presence of God and this assembly, take thee, *N.*, to be my wedded wife, and plight thee my troth in every duty, not to part from thee till death us do part.

Then shall they loose their hands, and the woman, with her right hand taking the man by his right hand, shall likewise say after the Minister:

I, *N.*, in the presence of God and this assembly, take thee, *N.*, to be my wedded huband, and plight thee my troth in every duty, not to part from thee till death us do part.

Then shall they again loose their hands, and if the wedding-ring be used, the Minister shall now ask for it, and, taking it, he shall deliver it to the man, who shall then put it on the fourth finger of the woman's left hand, and the Minister shall say, and the man may say after him:

Receive this ring as a pledge and token of wedded love and faithfulness.

Or:

With this ring I thee wed, *N.*, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Or the Minister may say:

In token of your vows thus mutually plighted you, *N.*, give, and you, *N.*, receive the wedding-ring.

If two rings be used, the Minister may say:

Exchange rings as a pledge and token of wedded love and faithfulness.

Then shall the Minister join their right hands, saying:

Join your right hands. Forasmuch as *N.* and *N.* have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this assembly, [and thereto have given and pledged their troth, each to the other,] and have declared the same (by giving and receiving a ring, and) by joining hands: I pronounce them husband and wife, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. † Amen. What, therefore, God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

The persons married may then kneel for prayer, and the Minister shall say:

O eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life: send Thy blessing upon these Thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in Thy name, that, living faithfully together, they may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and so live in this life according to Thy laws that in the world to come they may have life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name;

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord bless you, and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

VII. Anniversary of Marriage.

A Hymn of Praise may be sung.

Then shall the Minister say:

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen.

Beloved in the Lord: These Christian spouses appear this day before the Lord to renew the remembrance of that covenant of matrimony which was made between them twenty-five (fifty) years ago, to offer to the Lord the sacrifice of thanksgiving for all the mercies and all the truth which for so many years He hath shown unto them (and their family), and to supplicate His gracious aid for the portion that remaineth of their days. In order, then, that this solemnity may add a blessing to their lives and ours, let us hear the Word of God as it is written:

Then shall a Scripture-lesson be read, e. g., Ps. 23 or 92.

Let us pray:

O Thou faithful and merciful God, Heavenly Father, who hast instituted the estate of matrimony, hallowed it by the presence of Thy Son at the marriage in Cana of Galilee, and protected and preserved it until this day: we thank Thee for Thy goodness, and heartily beseech Thee, Thou wouldst evermore maintain Thine ordinance by Thy gracious and almighty presence, and grant unto these, and all others united in marriage, peace and unity, and comfort and hope in the day of trouble; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Then may another Hymn be sung.

Then shall follow a short Address. (For the Address one of the following texts may be used: Gen. 32, 10; 1 Sam. 7, 12; 2 Sam. 7, 18; Job 10, 12; Ps. 9, 1. 2; Ps. 40, 5; Ps. 64, 9. 10; Ps. 71, 17. 18; Ps. 92, 13; Ps. 115, 13. 15; Ps. 128, 5; Prov. 16, 16; Prov. 17, 6; Is. 46, 4; Zech. 8, 4; 1 Cor. 15, 10.)

Beloved in the Lord: Inasmuch as God, of His bountiful goodness, hath permitted you to live together in holy wedlock these twenty-five (fifty) years, to share with each other both joy and sorrow, in love and faithfulness that may not be broken, so that you are able to celebrate this day of thanksgiving: you heartily desire to commit also the remainder of your days to His gracious care, and humbly to implore His blessing. Join your right hands, therefore, and with devout and believing hearts receive the divine benediction.

Then may the celebrating couple kneel, and the Minister, laying his right hand upon their hands, shall say:—

May the merciful God and Father, who hath hitherto sustained and blessed you by His grace in your wedded life, grant unto you the continuance of His divine protection and blessing, and cause your hearts to remain united in faithful love unto the end. Amen.

Peace be with you. Amen.

Let us pray:

O almighty God, most merciful Father, we bless and praise Thee for all Thy loving-kindness and tender mercies which, for so many years, Thou hast bestowed upon these Thy servants, providing for them by Thy bounty, defending them by Thy power, and guiding them by Thy mercy. We beseech Thee, let the sacrifice of thanksgiving which they offer to Thee be acceptable in Thy sight, and give ear to their humble requests. During the days which still remain of their pilgrimage on earth, even to their old age, be Thou their Strength and their Deliverer in every infirmity and peril of body and soul. Let them at all times know the comfort and peace of Thy Holy Spirit. Be Thou with them, and fulfil in them (and their family) Thy promise, that the house of the righteous shall stand, and the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish forevermore. And finally, let them depart this life in joy and peace, and with rejoicing meet in Thy heavenly kingdom, to laud and praise Thee, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Go your way, then, beloved in Christ, whom we have blessed

in the name of the Lord and commended to His gracious keeping. May your hearts continue to be united in love and truth, and your home to be a dwelling-place of the Lord, that, at the end of your sojourning here on earth, you may together see God face to face, and enjoy that glory which He hath promised unto all who abide in true faith unto the end. Amen.

Then may another Hymn be sung.

Then shall the Minister pronounce the Benediction.

VIII. The Communion of the Sick.

The Minister may say:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then may the Minister say the following or some other Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst give Thine only Son into death for our sins, and through Him didst institute the holy Sacrament of His body and blood for the strengthening of our faith: we call upon Thee in behalf of this our sick *brother*, who desires to receive Holy Communion for a comfort in *his* affliction. Enlighten *him* by Thy Holy Spirit, that *he* may rightly know and willingly confess *his* sins. Enable *him* also with true faith to embrace our only Mediator and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, that *he* may obtain both pardon and peace, and be prepared to partake worthily of Thy Holy Supper to *his* soul's health. Strengthen *him* through this salutary gift in faith towards Thee and in fervent love toward all men. Create in *him* a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within *him*. Cause *him* also to recognize in this present visitation Thy fatherly hand, that *he* may bear *his* cross in cheerful submission to Thy holy will; and do Thou deal with *him* according to Thine infinite mercy as Thou alone best knowest, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Then may the Minister read a Psalm (e. g., the 6th, 25th, 32d, 38th, 42d, 51st, 71st, 77th, 143d), adding thereto a suitable Exhortation.

The regular form for Confession and Absolution may be used as follows:

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee, and justly deserved Thy temporal

and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee, of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Amen.

Is this thy sincere confession, then declare so by saying, Yes.

Answer: Yes.

Upon this thy confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce unto thee the grace of God, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive thee all thy sins, in the name of God † the Father, God † the Son, and God † the Holy Ghost, Amen.

Or the Minister may say:

Dost thou humbly acknowledge and heartily lament thy sins?

Answer: Yes.

Dost thou believe that God, thy merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, thy Savior, pardons all thine offenses?

Answer: Yes.

Art thou resolved, if God prolong thy life, to lead the remainder of thy life in His fear and to His glory?

Answer: Yes.

Be it unto thee according to thy faith. And I, by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, upon this thy confession, forgive thee all thy sins, in the name of the Father †, and of the Son †, and of the Holy Ghost †. Amen.

Peace be with thee. Amen.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us pray:

Our Father who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, and said: Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Take, drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Take and eat; this is the true body of our Lord Jesus Christ, given into death for thy sins. This strengthen and preserve thee in the truth faith unto life eternal. Amen.

Take and drink; this is the true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, shed for the remission of thy sins. This strengthen and preserve thee in the true faith unto life eternal. Amen.

A Psalm (e. g., the 23d, 103d, 111th, 118th) may be read, followed by the Thanksgiving.

Psalm 23.

The LORD is my Shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

1.

O Lord Jesus, my Savior, and only Refuge, I give Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast so graciously refreshed me with Thy sacred body and blood. Uphold me with Thy grace that

I may not lose heart. Into Thy hands I commit my body and soul, whether for life or for death. Grant that, when my last hour shall come, I may fall asleep in firm faith in Thee and Thy sacred blood, O Thou, who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

2.

We thank Thee, almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed this Thy servant with this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee, of Thy mercy, to strengthen *him* through the same in faith toward Thee, in love toward all mankind, in patience under trials, and in the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

3.

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, I heartily thank Thee that Thou hast refreshed me with the body and blood of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and beseech Thee, cause this heavenly food so to strengthen my faith that I may bear my cross with Christian patience and trust, until it shall please Thee to grant me deliverance; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. † Amen.

IX. The Burial of the Dead.

A. AT THE HOUSE.

A brief service is in most cases held at the house before going to the church or to the grave. A Hymn may be sung, followed by a Lesson and a Collect or Prayer.

The Minister may use one or more of the following versicles:

Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Unto our God, who alone hath immortality, be honor and power both now and forever. Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust. Amen.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. (2 Cor. 1, 3. 4.) Amen.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to summon out of this life the soul of this *brother* and member of Christ, it becometh us, as Christians to remember, in our bereavement and sorrow, the admonition and consolation of God's own Book of comfort.

Hear therefore the Word of God as it is written:

Then shall a Scripture-lesson be read, e. g.:

At the death of a child: 2 Sam. 12, 15—23; 1 Kings 17, 17—24; 2 Kings 4, 18—26; Jer. 31, 15—17; Mark 10, 13—16.

At the death of a young person: Eccl. 11, 7—10; 12, 1—8; Is. 40, 30. 31; Mark 5, 35—43; Luke 7, 11—17.

At the death of a woman: Acts 9, 36—42; Luke 2, 36—38.

At the death of the aged: Job 5, 17—26; Ps. 71, 7—21; Luke 2, 25—32; 2 Tim. 4, 6—8.

Mortality: Job 14, 1—15; Ps. 39, 4—13; Is. 40, 6—10; Jas. 4, 13—15; Rom. 8, 31—39; Num. 21, 6—9, with John 3, 14. 15.

Bereavement: Ps. 88, 1—18; 130, 1—8; 143, 1—12; Eccl. 7, 1—4; Is. 54, 7—13.

Comfort: Ps. 25, 1—22; 46; 61, 1—4; 103, 1—22; Lam. 3, 22. 23; John 10, 7—16; 14, 1—6.

Hope: Job 19, 25—27; Ps. 23; 42, 5—11; 1 Pet. 1, 3—9.

Exhortations: Matt. 24, 36—47; 25, 1—13; Mark 13, 32—37; Luke 12, 35—48; 1 Cor. 7, 29—31; Eph. 5, 15—21; 6, 10—18; 1 Thess. 5, 1—11; 2 Pet. 3, 8—24.

Victory: Ps. 31, 7—24; Rom. 8, 16—25. 31—39; 1 Cor. 15, 50—58; Rev. 22, 12—14.

Resurrection: Matt. 28, 1—10; Mark 12, 26. 27; John 5, 19—29; 11, 1—44; 1 Cor. 15, 20—28. 35—49; 2 Cor. 4, 7—18; Phil. 3, 8—11; Col. 3, 1—4; 1 Thess. 4, 13—18.

Heaven: Matt. 25, 34—40; 2 Cor. 5, 1—10; Rev. 7, 9—17; 14, 13; 19, 5—9; 21, 1—5. 10—13. 22—27; 22, 1—6.

Psalm 90, 1—12.

LORD, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down and withereth.

For we are consumed by Thine anger, and by Thy wrath are we troubled.

Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee; our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath; we spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Who knoweth the power of Thine anger? Even according to Thy fear, so is Thy wrath.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

John 5, 24.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.

John 10, 27—29.

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me:

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.

My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand.

Psalm 130.

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O LORD.

LORD, hear my voice; let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If Thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O LORD, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in His Word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the LORD more than they that watch for the morning; I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Psalm 23.

The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

1 Thess. 4, 13—18.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice

of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

John 14, 1—6.

Let not your heart be troubled. Ye believe in God; believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that, where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.

At the Death of a Child.

Job 14, 1. 2.

Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

Job 5, 6. 7.

Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground, yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

Job 1, 21.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

Is. 40, 11.

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Jer. 31, 15—17.

Thus saith the Lord: A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. Thus

saith the Lord: Refrain thy voice from weeping and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border.

Mark 10, 13—16.

And they brought young children to Him that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

AT THE DEATH OF A YOUNG PERSON.

Psalm 103, 15. 16.

As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

Psalm 39, 5.

Behold, Thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before Thee. Verily, every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Job 9, 25. 26.

Now my days are swifter than a post; they flee away, they see no good. They are passed away as the swift ships, as the eagle that hasteth to the prey.

Prov. 27, 1.

Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

Eccl. 11, 7—10.

Truly, the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun; but if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all, yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity. Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the

days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh; for childhood and youth are vanity.

James 4, 14.

For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Luke 7, 11—16.

And it came to pass the day after that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him and much people. Now, when He came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said unto her, Weep not. And He came and touched the bier; and they that bare him stood still. And He said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all; and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited His people. And this rumor of Him went forth throughout all Judea and throughout all the region round about.

Matt. 9, 18. 19. 23—26.

While He spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler and worshiped Him, saying, My daughter is even now dead; but come and lay Thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples.

And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, He said unto them, Give place; for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed Him to scorn. But when the people were put forth, He went in and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

Matt. 25, 1—13.

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They

that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him! Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so, lest there be not enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage. And the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, lord, open to us! But he answered and said, Verily, I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore; for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.

At the Death of the Aged.

Psalm 92, 12—15.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to show that the Lord is upright. He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Prov. 16, 31.

The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness.

Is. 46, 4.

And even to your old age I am He, and even to hoar hairs will I carry you. I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry and will deliver you.

2 Tim. 4, 6—8.

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.

Phil. 3, 20. 21.

For our conversation is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.

In place of the Lessons the following Exhortation may be read:

Beloved in the Lord: Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God in His good providence to call *this* ~~brother~~ out of this present life, it becometh us, ~~before committing his body to the earth~~, to hear in our bereavement the admonition and comfort of God's holy Word. Thus saith the Lord: "Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. By one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." There is no respect of persons; we die the common death of all men; for the wages of sin is death. May we, then, with a deep sense of our sinfulness humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, before whom we are dust, and earnestly ponder the rapid flight of our days. Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. We cannot but say with David: "Behold, Thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before Thee. Verily, every man at his best state is altogether vanity." But blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, and hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Being delivered for our offenses, He was raised again for our justification, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. He is the First-fruits of them that sleep, and saith: "I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." Therefore in life and in death He is our comfort; for through Him the death of His own is swallowed up in victory, and by faith

in Him we have part in His gracious promise: This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly, the image of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body.

Therefore we sorrow not, even as others that have no hope, but lift up our heads, knowing that our Redeemer liveth, and that the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, where no torment shall touch them. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

Every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as Christ is pure. For we must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Therefore, beloved, let us escape the corruption that is in the world through lust, and seek now, in the day of salvation, the one thing needful, which shall not be taken away from us. Let us fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold on eternal life, whereunto we are also called. May we be found in constant readiness for the final summons, ever waiting for our Lord and purifying our souls in obeying the truth through His Spirit, that, through His power resting upon us, we may overcome the world, and be counted worthy at last to reign with Him eternally in heaven. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful God, who hast appointed us to endure sufferings and death with our Lord Jesus Christ before we enter with Him into glory: grant us grace at all times to submit ourselves to Thy holy will, to continue steadfast in the true faith unto the end, and to find peace and joy in the blessed hope of the resurrection of the dead, and of the glory of the world to come; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

For other prayers see following pages.

The service may close with a Hymn.

B. AT THE CHURCH.

The service may begin with a Hymn.

Then may the Minister say:

The Lord be with you.

The Congregation shall chant or say:

And with thy spirit.

The Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

1.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and happiness: we give Thee hearty thanks for Thy loving-kindness to all those Thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech Thee that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2.

O Lord, almighty and merciful God, who through death callest us out of this wicked world, that we may not perish through continued sinning, but attain life and glory everlasting, we beseech Thee, fill our hearts with a deep sense of Thy mercy, that we may look forward with rejoicing to our departure, and willingly obey the summons to enter into Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

3.

O almighty, everlasting God and Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast given Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ into death for us, and through His triumphant resurrection hast given us assurance of eternal life, and we beseech Thee, comfort and raise us up with this assurance, and at last let us come unto eternal rest with Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

4.

O Thou ever-blessed Mediator, who wast dead, but livest forever, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, and who hast knit all Thy saints in one communion

unto life eternal, in that mystical body of which Thou art the glorious and ever-living Head: grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints who have gone before us, in the faith and fellowship of Thy holy Church, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for all that love Thee, from the foundation of the world. Amen.

5.

O holy and ever-blessed Spirit, who art one with the Father and the Son, and who dwellest in all Thy saints to comfort and quicken them: do Thou, we beseech Thee, comfort us in the prospect of death with the hope of the resurrection of the just, and abide in us, that we may ever walk in Thy truth, and in the end be found worthy of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

6.

O holy and adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of our bodies and souls, we humbly confess our sins, and acknowledge them as the cause of our misery and death, and that on account of our sins Thou art justly displeased. Yet, through infinite mercy in Jesus Christ, we implore Thee, blot out our transgressions, wash us from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. O Lord God most holy, O Lord God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death. Amen.

7.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts: shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayer, but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Savior, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee. But keep us in everlasting fellowship with the Church Triumphant, and let us rest together in Thy presence from our labors; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Then shall a Scripture-lesson be read.

After the Lesson a Hymn may be sung, followed by the Sermon and another Hymn.

Then shall a Prayer be offered, ex corde, or as follows:

O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy peace.

Let us pray.

At the Death of a Child.

1.

O Lord, almighty, heavenly Father, who art a God of all comfort, and dost bid us mourn with the afflicted, we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst with Thy gracious Spirit comfort our *brother* and *sister,* who are mourning the loss of *their* beloved child. Enable *them* in steadfast faith and confident hope to look for the blessed day of our final redemption, when all who believe in Thee shall meet again in heavenly joy and glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, who, in Thy wise and gracious providence, hast called out of this world the soul of this dear *child,* we thank Thee for Thy mercy in receiving *him* as Thine own in Holy Baptism and regenerating *him* unto the inheritance of Thine eternal kingdom. And we beseech Thee, send forth the consolations of Thy holy Word into the hearts that mourn over *his* early death. Give to the afflicted parents a meek submission to Thy fatherly chastenings, that with childlike faith they may praise Thine unsearchable ways. Thou hast cut down the flower in tender bud, help them also to see Thy gracious hand in what they suffer, and to realize that what has faded from them here still blooms immortal in the heavens, and that they shall behold their child again in the joy of everlasting life. Let Thy grace abound in them, comforting them in their bereavement, lest they sorrow beyond what is meet and right. Graciously overrule this dispensation to their spiritual good, that they may be drawn into still closer communion with Thee, and the better fitted for a devoted life and a glorious immortality. Grant unto us all, while we sojourn here on earth, the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may continue steadfast in faith and in Thy fear, and finally appear in Thy presence with exceeding joy; for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

At the Death of an Adult.

1.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise Thee that Thou hast called this our *brother* to the knowledge of Thy dear Son, kept *him* in the true faith, and granted *him* a blessed end; and we beseech Thee, help us by Thy Holy Spirit rightly to know and lament our sins, and to be so strengthened in our faith in Christ that in all things we may grow up into Him who is our Head, evermore praising Thee in newness of life, and cheerfully awaiting that hope and glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

2.

O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the shadow of Thy sore judgments we come to Thee as our only Helper. Thou art the Lord, and beside Thee there is none other. Thou art a very present help in trouble. Thou hast entered this house with Thy chastenings, and hast here caused Thy sovereign power to be felt. Oh, be Thou nigh, in Thy tender compassion, with the comforts of the Holy Spirit. Bless these Thy sorrowing servants with the consolations of Thy grace, which alone can afford them help. Take them into Thy gracious keeping, and fill their bleeding hearts with the soothing balm of Thy love. Let there be light in the midst of this dark night of grief. Deliver us all, O God, from the bondage of our sins, that we may be free from the fear of death, and be ready at Thy call to depart hence and be at peace. Whether we live, may we live unto the Lord, or whether we die, may we die unto the Lord. And so unite us to Christ Jesus, and work in us by the sanctifying influences of the Holy Ghost, that, whether living or dying, we may be the Lord's. Amen.

3.

O merciful God, heavenly Father, forasmuch as it hath pleased Thee to summon another member of our congregation out of this present life, and again to remind us that our life appeareth only for a little time: we beseech Thee, gird us with the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that, amidst the vanities of this

world, we may fight a good fight and keep the faith, thus finishing the course of our pilgrimage on earth in all holy obedience, in constant watchfulness and prayer, lest death come upon us unawares and find us unprepared. Comfort us in the hour of death with the bitter sufferings and death of Thy Son, who was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification, that we may depart this life at peace with Thee and receive the crown of righteousness; through Thy dear Son, our Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

4.

Almighty, eternal God, Thy years are throughout all generations; we, however, shall perish in time; for all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away. Make us to know our end and the measure of our days what it is, that we may know how frail we are, daily trim our lamps, and wait by faith for a blessed end. Suffer not the thoughts and the sting of death to make us afraid, but let us at all times look unto our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Keep us by Thy Spirit in faith and good conscience; for he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. At the removal of our loved ones who die in the Lord, enable us to understand that they are blessed from henceforth, and go to Thee, where there shall be neither sorrow nor crying, neither any more pain, and where Thou shalt wipe away all tears from their eyes. O Lord God, Thou beholdest all our affliction and pain, the poor commit themselves unto Thee, Thou art the Helper of the widows and the fatherless. Be pleased to appear with Thy strong comfort to all that are afflicted and distressed, and finally present them, together with the dead for whom they mourn, before Thy presence with exceeding joy. When our last hour shall come, let us, Thy servants, depart in peace. Preserve us from a sudden, evil death; let us, being full of faith and rich in the fruits of righteousness, commit our spirit into Thy hands, and thus finish our course, and lay hold on eternal life. Amen.

5.

O Lord God, who hast called this our departed *brother* hence in the noontide of *his* life and labors, we humble ourselves under Thy holy will, and reverence Thy ways, although Thy judgments are unsearchable and Thy ways past finding out. For Thou thinkest towards us thoughts of peace and not of evil, and all things work together for good to them that love Thee. We thank Thee that, of Thy fatherly love, Thou didst bestow upon this our *brother* Thy merciful guidance, Thy faithful protection, and Thy constant blessing in body and soul, even unto the end. We beseech Thee to comfort, with Thy holy Word, the hearts of those who are bowed down by *his* death, and to strengthen them by the assurance that even through crosses and trials Thou wouldst bless them, and dost chasten Thy children, not to destroy them, but that they may live. Enable us all to lay to heart that our sojourning on earth is but for a little time, that we may diligently ponder, in this our day, the things which belong unto our peace. Sanctify us through Thy truth, and purify our hearts by faith, that we may not love the fleeting pleasures of this world, but, ordering our lives agreeably to Thy will, seek those things that are above, and at the last appear before Thy presence in peace and joy. Grant all this, we pray Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son. Amen.

6.

We thank Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, that Thou hast taken our *brother* away from distress, and brought *him* into eternal rest. O dear Savior, we say with Job: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord"; and with the people in the Gospel: "He hath done all things well." Enable us to comfort ourselves with the consideration that we have not lost *him*, but only sent *him* before, nowise doubting that on the last day Thou wilt raise up with power and great glory the dead body here lying before us in weakness, and that we shall find one another again with Thee in eternal life. May it also please Thee to grant us the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that at this burial we may call to mind how soon it is all over with men, and be found in constant and never-failing Christian readiness to follow Thee, when the hour is at hand, through the dark valley of death into Thy kingdom with exceeding joy; O Thou, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

7.

(At the Death of a Husband and Father.)

Almighty and most merciful God, in whose hands are all the children of men, teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Give us grace to live by faith in Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to do what our hands find to do, that, when He who is our Life shall appear, we also may appear with Him in glory. To Thy fatherly goodness do we commend those whom Thou hast afflicted by this dispensation of Thy providence. Let the pains of their bereavement be softened by the hopeful assurances of Thy holy Word. Cause the fruits of this their sore chastening to be righteousness and peace. Let the removal of their beloved and cherished one serve to direct their affections heavenward, that they may seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth. Be Thou a Father to the fatherless and a Helper to the widow. Remember to them Thy gracious covenant of old, and let not Thy mercy depart from them. Fulfil unto them Thy blessed promise that all things shall work together for good to them that love Thee. May they not sorrow as those who have no hope, but have abundant consolations for all their griefs, and a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory for all their sufferings in this life. These blessings, and all others which may be needful for us, and for all men, we humbly ask in the name and for the sake of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

8.

(At the Death of a Christian Wife and Mother.)

Eternal God, merciful Father, look graciously upon us, bowed down as we are with grief at the loss of a Christian sister, a beloved wife and mother, whom we are about to accompany (have accompanied) to her last earthly resting-place. Teach us, O Father, that Thy thoughts are higher than our thoughts, and Thy ways better than our ways, that we may submit ourselves with childlike resignation to Thine inscrutable, but fatherly counsel and dispensation, and amid all grief be able to say: "Thou doest all things well." Help us call to mind the manifold mercies which from her youth Thou hast bestowed upon our departed sister, in receiving her by Holy Baptism as Thine own dear child, comforting her with the forgiveness of sins in

Christ Jesus, guiding her feet into the paths of uprightness, enabling her by word and example to show forth Thy praises in her home and in the circle of her acquaintances, giving her in days of trial countless proofs of Thy mercy, and removing her at length from all earthly sorrow into the unending joy of heaven. Let us not mourn like those who have no hope, for blessed indeed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth. Enable us to comfort ourselves with the assurance that Thou wilt raise up with power and glory the body here sown in weakness, and that we shall behold her again with Thee in everlasting life. Comfort, especially, the hearts of those who are bowed down and sorely afflicted by this death, the husband and children of our beloved sister, with the consolations of Thy grace, which alone can afford them help. Take them into Thy gracious keeping, and fill their bleeding hearts with the soothing balm of Thy love. Let there be light in the midst of this dark night of their grief, and finally present them, together with the mother for whom they mourn, before Thy presence with exceeding joy. Teach us all to apply our hearts unto wisdom; and when our last hour shall come, be with us in our final distress, that we may look with steadfast faith to Christ, the only Savior of our souls, and, being cleansed by His blood, may lay hold on eternal life. Amen.

9.

(At the Death of an Aged Person.)

O Lord, almighty God and Father, who of old didst declare: "Even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you": we thank Thee that, according to Thy promise, Thou hast, for so many years, shown our deceased *brother* innumerable proofs of Thy faithfulness and mercy. We thank Thee that Thou hast granted *him* ample time for reflection upon Thy merciful kindness to the fallen children of men, and hast given *him* to drink of that well of water which springeth up into everlasting life. And we thank Thee that now Thou hast, of Thy mercy, delivered *him* from all the labor and sorrow of this present life, and received *him* into the rest and peace of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant unto us all, we beseech Thee, that we may make ready for the unknown hour and for

a blessed departure from this world. Enable us to employ well our allotted time, and to work while it is day, ere the night cometh when no man can work. And, at the last, do Thou in love deliver our souls from despair, and let us fall asleep in peace, and obtain the crown of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

10.

(At the Sudden Death of a Christian.)

O eternal God, the Lord of life and death, who by a sudden death hast summoned out of time into eternity our ~~Christian brother~~, ~~(whom we are about to commit to the grave)~~ and by ~~his~~ unexpected departure hast grievously afflicted those to whom ~~he~~ was near and dear: we beseech Thee, comfort with Thine abundant consolations the hearts of those that mourn, and take them into Thy fatherly care. Enable them to bear this sore dispensation with meek submission to Thy holy will, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love Thee. Grant us grace also, that we may be ready, either to continue in life, or to depart hence, even as Thou hast appointed for us, and cheerfully to bear whatsoever burden Thou mayest be pleased to put upon us. (Verily, every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Surely, every man walketh in a vain show.) Teach us to watch and pray, and keep us by Thy Spirit, that we may not be ensnared by the vanities of this time, but finish well our course, and pass from death to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Then may the Minister say:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Then may another Hymn be sung.

C. AT THE GRAVE.

The Minister, walking before those that bear the body, and approaching the grave, may say:

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. (Job 19, 25—27.)

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. (1 Tim. 6, 7.)

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. (Job 1, 21.)

I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. (1 Thess. 4, 13. 14.)

I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. (Rev. 14, 13.)

When the casket is lowered into the grave, a Hymn may be sung, and then the Minister shall say:

Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

In the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succor but of Thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy; O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death to fall from Thee.

So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.

There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the Law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15, 42—44. 53—57.)

Then, while earth shall be cast upon the casket, the Minister shall say:

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of ~~our departed brother~~, we therefore commit ~~his~~ body to the ground (~~to God's acre~~); earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust: in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.

May God the Father, who has created this body;
May God the Son, who by His blood has redeemed this body together with the soul;
May God the Holy Ghost, who by Baptism has sanctified this body to be His temple, —

keep these remains unto the day of the resurrection of all flesh. Amen.

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. (Rev. 14, 13.)

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. (Job 19, 25—27.)

Then may the Minister say one of the following Prayers:

Let us pray.

1.

O everlasting God and Father, who art not a God of the dead, but of the living, and unto whom live all that dwell in dust and rest in the chambers of death: we entreat Thee of

Thy fatherly goodness, let not the thoughts and the sting of death make us afraid, neither let us be troubled, but graciously keep us in Thy Son in true faith and good conscience, to the end that we may lead a Christian life, prepare for a blessed departure, and, finally, fall asleep and rest in peace and joy, until Thou dost open our graves, and, by the sound of the trumpet, call us forth again to life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2.

Almighty God, who by the death of Thy Son hast overcome sin and death, and by His resurrection hast restored innocence and everlasting life, to the end that we should be delivered from the dominion of the devil, and that by the power of the same resurrection our mortal bodies should be raised up from the dead unto eternal life in Thy kingdom: grant that with our whole heart we may confidently believe this, and finally, with all Thy saints, be partakers of the joyful resurrection of the just; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

3.

Almighty and everlasting God, who by Thy Son hast promised us forgiveness of sin and deliverance from everlasting death: strengthen us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, that our trust in Thy grace in Christ Jesus may daily increase, and that with sure confidence we may hold fast the blessed hope that we shall not die, but only sleep, and at the last day be raised up unto everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

4.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who wilt come again in majesty to judge the quick and the dead, and call forth all who sleep in the graves, either to the resurrection of life or to the resurrection of condemnation: we beseech Thee to be gracious unto us, and to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Thee, and, having been found acceptable in Thy sight, may, on the last day, be raised up to life everlasting and inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world. To Thee be glory and praise, world without end. Amen.

5.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who, in Thy perfect wisdom and mercy, hast ended for Thy servant departed the voyage of this troublous life, grant, we beseech Thee, that we, who are still to continue our course amidst earthly dangers, temptations, and troubles, may evermore be protected by Thy mercy, and finally come to the haven of eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

6.

Almighty God, who by the death of Thy Son Jesus Christ hast destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb hast sanctified the graves of Thy saints, and by His glorious resurrection hast brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel, so that all who die in Him abide in joy as to their souls, and in hope as to their bodies: receive, we beseech Thee, our unfeigned thanks for that victory over death and the grave which He hath obtained for us and for all who sleep in Him; and keep us, who are still in the body, in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for Thee on earth, and with all that are around Thee in heaven, in union with Him who is the Resurrection and the Life, who liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

Then may follow the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Then may a Hymn be sung.

X. The Ordination of a Minister.

The Form given below may be used for Ordination and Installation.

After the General Prayer, in the regular service, a Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Spirit may be sung.

Then the Ordaining Minister and his assistants shall turn to the candidate for ordination, who has presented himself before the altar, and the ordaining Minister shall say:

Dearly Beloved Brother: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said unto His disciples: "Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28, 19. 20.)

And when He had ascended far above all heavens, that He might fill all things, He gave unto His Church some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. (Eph. 4, 10—12.)

Whereas, then, after due examination, you have been found well versed in Christian doctrine and able to teach others, and have been called to the office of the holy ministry [in this Congregation], it is meet and right that we should hear and ponder what God, in His holy Word, inculcates upon His ministers concerning the solemn responsibilities of their sacred office.

Thus says St. Paul:

"This is a true saying, If a man desireth the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work." (1 Tim. 3, 1.)

"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." (1 Cor. 4, 1.)

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." (2 Tim. 2, 15.)

"Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." (2 Tim. 4, 2.)

"Speak thou the things which become sound doctrine, in all things showing thyself a pattern of good works." (Titus 2, 1.)

"A bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not

self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre, but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate, holding fast the faithful Word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers." (Titus 1, 7—9.)

"Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." (1 Cor. 4, 2.)

"Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." (1 Tim. 4, 6.)

The ministers of Christ, then, are ambassadors for Christ, and as such are to preach the Word and administer the holy Sacraments. They are appointed to wait upon and serve the Church, which is the bride of Jesus Christ, His body mystical; to offer before Him the prayers and supplications of His people; to feed, to instruct, to watch over, and guide the sheep and lambs of His flock, whom He hath purchased with His own blood. They are to give themselves wholly to this office, with daily meditation and study of the Scriptures, that they may be able to make full proof of their ministry, being nourished up in the words of faith and good doctrine, and showing themselves patterns to others in piety and godly living.

And whereas, dear Brother, thou hast accepted the call extended to thee [by this Congregation], and art about to enter upon the performance of the duties pertaining to the holy office of the ministry, in accordance with the Word and will of the Lord Most High, I now ask thee in the presence of God and this Congregation:

Dost thou believe the canonical books of the Old and the New Testament to be the inspired Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practise?

Answer: I do so believe.

Dost thou hold and profess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as laid down in the Symbols contained in the Book of Concord of 1580, to wit, the three Ecumenical Creeds, the Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the same, the Smalcald Articles, the Small and the Large Catechism, and the Formula of Concord, to be the true doctrine of the Holy Scriptures?

Answer: I do so hold and profess.

Art thou determined to discharge faithfully the duties of

the holy ministry [in this Congregation] in full accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the said Symbols of the Evangelical Lutheran Church?

Answer: I have so determined by the grace of God.

Then the person to be ordained shall kneel, and the Ordaining Minister, laying his right hand on him, may say:

I herewith acknowledge and ordain thee a called and able Minister of the Gospel, a herald of the kingdom of God, and a steward of His mysteries [and install thee as Pastor of this Congregation]. The Lord pour out upon thee the Holy Spirit for the office and work committed unto thee by thy call, that thou mayest be a faithful dispenser of the means of grace: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then the assisting Ministers, in turn, may lay their right hands on the head of the newly ordained, and pronounce some benediction, such as Josh. 1, 8; Ps. 27, 1. 14; 20, 1. 2; 1 Tim. 4, 16.

Then shall the Ordaining Minister continue:

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, who art the Chief Shepherd and the only Head of Thy Church, we pray Thee that Thou wouldst keep Thy servant in Thy holy Word and the sound doctrine therein set forth; that Thou wouldst strengthen him in the faithful performance of the duties of the ministry [in this Congregation], and bless his labors in Thy service, that Thy holy name may be glorified and Thy kingdom be enlarged here and hereafter; who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, forever and ever, world without end. Amen.

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, who alone dost give and send forth able ministers of Thy Church, and for this ministry dost endue them with power from on high, we humbly beseech Thee, illumine the heart of this Thy servant, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Thy Holy Spirit; lead and guide him with the strength of Thy right hand, that he may faithfully perform the ministry committed unto him, to the glory of Thy name and the edification of all believers in the Church of Thy dear Son; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Merciful God, Heavenly Father, Thou hast said unto us by the mouth of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord: "The

harvest, truly, is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He may send forth laborers into His harvest": upon this Thy divine command, we heartily pray Thee, give Thy Holy Spirit abundantly to this Thy servant, to us, and to all who are called to the ministry of Thy Word, that we may continue faithful and steadfast against the devil, the world, and the flesh, to the end that Thy name may be hallowed, Thy kingdom increased, and Thy will accomplished. We beseech Thee also that Thou wouldst overrule and bring to naught the counsels of all Thine enemies that blaspheme Thy name, hinder Thy kingdom, and resist Thy will; and in whatsoever place Thy servants declare Thy name, and labor in the Word and doctrine, establish Thou their witness and the work of their hands, to the praise of Thy most holy name and to the salvation of many souls. Amen.

Then the Ordaining Minister, and the other Ministers with him, shall say:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The newly ordained shall then rise, and the Ordaining Minister, giving him his right hand, shall say:

Go, then, take heed unto thyself and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made thee an overseer, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood. Feed the flock of Christ, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; not as being lord over God's heritage, but being an ensample to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, thou shalt receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. The Lord bless thee from on high, and make thee a blessing unto many, that thou mayest bring forth fruit, and that thy fruit may remain unto eternal life. Amen.

If the newly ordained has also been installed, he shall close the service with the Benediction.

XI. The Ordination and Installation of a Minister.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said unto His disciples: "Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." "And when He ascended far above all heavens, that He might fill all things, He gave unto His Church some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

And whereas the Archbishop of His Church has given unto this present congregation a [another] pastor and teacher, it is meet and right that we should hear and ponder what the Lord by His Apostles inculcates upon His ministers concerning their holy office.

Thus says St. Paul:

"This is a true saying: If a man desireth the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work, and the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. But lay hands suddenly on no man. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre, but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate, holding fast the faithful Word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers." — And again: "A bishop must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach, not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, but patient, not a brawler, not covetous, one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; not a novice, lest, being puffed up with pride, he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must have a good report of them which are without, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. Be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which

was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee."

And whereas thou, dearly beloved brother in Christ, hast accepted the call extended to thee by this Congregation, and art about to enter upon the performance of the duties enjoined upon thee through such call in accordance with the Word and will of the Lord Most High, I now ask thee in the presence of Omniscient God and of this Congregation:

Dost thou believe the canonical books of the Old and the New Testament to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practise?

Answer: I do so believe.

Dost thou hold and profess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as laid down in the Symbols contained in the Book of Concord of 1580, especially the three Ecumenical Creeds, the Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the same, the Smalcald Articles, the Small and the Large Catechism, and the Formula of Concord, to be the true doctrine of the Holy Scriptures?

Answer: I do so hold and profess.

Art thou determined to discharge faithfully the duties of the holy ministry in this Congregation in full accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the said Symbols of the Evangelical Lutheran Church?

Answer: I have so determined by the grace of God.

The ordained will here kneel, and the Ordaining Minister, laying his hands upon him, will say:

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, who art the Chief Shepherd and the only Head of Thy Church, we pray Thee that Thou wouldst keep Thy servant in Thy holy Word and the sound doctrine therein set forth; that Thou wouldst strengthen him in the faithful performance of the duties of the ministry in this Congregation, and bless his labors in Thy service, that Thy holy name may be glorified and Thy kingdom be enlarged here and hereafter, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, forever and ever, world without end. Amen.

Hereupon the assisting ministers will, each in his turn, lay their hands upon the ordained and say:

The mountains shall depart and the hills be removed; but My kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee. Amen.

Or:

Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, I am the Lord, thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way thou shouldest go. Amen.

Or:

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even forevermore. Amen.

Or:

Be strong and of good courage; fear not, nor be afraid; for the Lord, thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Amen.

Or:

Thus saith the Lord, As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me. I am the Vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing. Amen.

Or:

Be not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

Or:

Be fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.

Or:

Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Or some other appropriate text not already embodied in this form.

The Ordaining Minister will now continue:

Go then, take heed unto thyself and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made thee an overseer, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood.

Feed the flock of Christ, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; not as being lord over God's heritage, but being an ensample to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, thou shalt receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. The Lord bless thee from on high, and make thee a blessing unto many, that thou mayest bring forth fruit, and that thy fruit may remain unto eternal life.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

XII. The Installation of a Pastor.

After the Sermon delivered by the Officiating Minister, and the singing of an appropriate Hymn, the Officiating Minister and his assistants shall take up their position at the altar, the Pastor-elect before them, and on either side of him the members of the Church Council.

The Officiating Minister shall say:

Dear Brother: Whereas thou hast been called as Pastor of this Congregation, and art about to assume charge of the flock of Christ in this place, it is fitting that thou shouldst bear in mind the solemn duties of thy sacred office, that thou mayest fulfil them in such manner as behooveth a devout and zealous minister of the Church.

As an ambassador for Christ, thou art to preach and teach the pure doctrine of the divine Word, to administer the holy Sacraments according to the institution and ordinance of Christ, to instruct the young in the way of salvation, to counsel the inquiring, to strengthen the weak, to seek the lost, and reclaim the erring, to comfort the sorrowing, to care for the needy, to visit the sick, to minister to the dying, and ever to have at heart, and pray for, the spiritual welfare of every soul under thy care.

Thou art to give thyself to the meditation and study of the Scriptures, to administer thy office conformably to the Word of God, and to show thyself and thy household a pattern to others

in piety and godliness, giving no offense in anything, that the ministry be not blamed.

Thus says St. Paul:

"This is a true saying, If a man desireth the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop, then, must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach, not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, but patient, not a brawler, not covetous, one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; not a novice, lest, being puffed up with pride, he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must have a good report of them which are without, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil." (1 Tim. 3, 1—7.)

"Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. Watch thou in all things, endure affliction, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." (2 Tim. 4, 2. 5.)

"Be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." (1 Tim. 4, 12—16.)

I ask thee, therefore, dear Brother, in the presence of God and this Congregation:

Art thou willing and ready to take upon thee the charge of this Congregation, and to perform faithfully all the duties of thy ministry?

Answer: I am.

Wilt thou preach and teach the pure Word of God in accordance with the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and adorn the doctrine of our Savior by a godly and holy life?

Answer: Yes, with the help of God.

Then may the Officiating Minister say to the Congregation:

Dearly Beloved: Ye have heard the solemn promise given by him whom ye have called to be your pastor.

I admonish and charge you, therefore, on your part to receive him in this character and office, and to be ever mindful of what the Word of God demands of you as members of his flock.

Attend with all diligence the preaching of the Word, receiving it, not as the word of man, but, as it is in truth, the Word of God.

Heed his admonition, receiving with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your souls.

Aid him by your influence in instructing the young, remembering the exhortation to bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Honor and love him, as St. Paul says: "Know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake."

Pray for him without ceasing, that in his labors and anxieties he may retain a cheerful spirit, and his ministry among you may be abundantly blessed.

Provide also for his temporal wants; for the Lord says: "The laborer is worthy of his hire"; and St. Paul says: "Let him that is taught in the Word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things."

Finally, remember the words of the Apostle: "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you."

[I now ask you:

Are ye willing to receive your Pastor as a minister of God, and to show towards him such love, honor, and fit obedience in the Lord as are due to an overseer and guide placed over you by the Lord Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of souls?

Then shall the members of the Church Council [*and the Congregation*] *say:*

We are.]

The Pastor-elect then kneels. The assisting Ministers lay their right hands on his head, and the Officiating Minister says:

Dear Brother: On the ground of thy call, I now, in accordance with the usages of the Church, install thee as Pastor of this Congregation, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, charging thee to be diligent and faithful in the performance of thy duties, as thou shalt give account of thy stewardship in the day of Christ's appearing.

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make thee perfect in every good work to do His will, working in thee that which is pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever." Amen.

Then the assisting Ministers may, in turn, say similar benedictions:

(*E. g.*, Josh. 1, 7. 8; Ps. 20, 1. 2; Ps. 27, 1. 14; Ps. 84, 7. 8; Is. 52, 7; Dan. 12, 3; 2 Cor. 2, 14—16; 2 Cor. 4, 6. 7; 1 Tim. 4, 6. 7; 2 Tim. 1, 13. 14.)

Then the Officiating Minister, turning to the newly installed Pastor and taking his right hand, shall say:

Go, then, and feed the flock of Christ which is entrusted to thee, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lord over God's heritage, but being an ensample to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, thou shalt receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. The Lord bless thee from on high, and make thee a blessing unto many, that thou mayest bring forth fruit, and that thy fruit may remain unto eternal life. Amen.

1.

O Lord Jesus Christ, eternal and only Son of God, who sittest at the right hand of the Father, and givest gifts unto men, sending forth pastors and teachers for the work of the ministry and the building up of Thy spiritual body, the Church: we thank and praise Thee that Thou hast [again] provided this flock with a faithful shepherd; and we pray Thee, grant to both pastor and people Thy heavenly grace, that they may do what is well-pleasing in Thy sight, holding faith and a good conscience, and finally, with all the elect, obtain everlasting life. Amen.

2.

Praise and adoration be unto Thee, almighty and everlasting God, the Father of mercies, that Thou hast established Thy Church on earth, that from it should go forth salvation to the souls of men to the end of days. And as Thou hast sent another laborer into this Thy harvest-field, we beseech Thee, mercifully replenish him with the gifts requisite for the faithful and successful fulfilment of his sacred office. Keep him from becoming an offense by his own shortcomings, from falling a prey to calumny and evil speaking, and from whatever might hinder his ministry. Support him with power from on high, and crown his efforts with Thy blessing. And when at length his work on earth is done, may he as a faithful servant enter into the joy of his Lord. We pray Thee also to bless this Congregation, the officers and all the members. Preserve Thine altar perpetually in the midst of them, and ever keep alive upon it Thy holy fire. May Thy Word and Sacraments be continued unto them in their purity, and the peaceful kingdom of Thy Son prosper among them, that all who worship Thee in this place may in the end find their names written in the Book of Life. O Thou God of peace, sanctify us wholly, that our whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Then the Officiating Minister, and the other Ministers with him, laying on hands, shall say:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Then may follow a Hymn of Praise, or the Doxology, and the newly installed Pastor shall close the service with the Benediction.

XIII. The Installation of a Teacher.

Dear Brother: —— Evangelical Lutheran —— at a regular meeting, asking for God's guidance and acting in His fear, hath duly elected and called thee to be a teacher in our school.

Whereas, then, by divine guidance, thou hast recognized in this call the voice of God, and art about to enter upon the duties of thy important office, for the faithful performance whereof thou wilt be held accountable to God, I ask thee, in the presence of God and of this Congregation:

Dost thou promise to discharge faithfully all the duties of thine office, according to the ability which God giveth?

Answer: I do so promise, with the help of God.

Then the Minister, taking the Teacher by the hand, shall say:

In testimony of thy sincere intent in making this thy promise, give me thy right hand.

Go, then, and faithfully perform thy work among the lambs of Christ, the children of His Church, committed to thy care. Assist me, the minister of the Word and shepherd of the whole flock, in feeding them with the Word and the sound doctrine. Assist the parents in bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Take heed that thou dost so, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; not as being desirous of vainglory, but in simplicity of heart, seeking only the glory of God, and being an ensample both to the children and to the whole Congregation. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, thou shalt receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. The Lord bless thee from on high, and make thee a blessing both to the school and to the Church, that thou mayest bring forth much fruit, and that thy fruit may remain unto eternal life. Amen.

Then may the Minister say to the Congregation:

Dearly Beloved: I heartily admonish you all through Jesus Christ, who has graciously given this teacher to our school, that you would look upon him and honor him as one sent by the Lord, faithfully assist him in the performance of his duties, and therefore send your children to school with laudable regularity, teach them to respect and obey their teacher, and diligently aid

him in the Christian training of the children. Do this for the sake of God, that His name may be glorified in our school by our children; for the sake of the children, that through the labors of our teacher they may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord: to the praise of the gracious God, to your joy, and to their own temporal and eternal welfare.

Then may the Minister say to the children:

May Jesus, your Good Shepherd, give to you, dear children, pious and dutiful hearts to obey willingly your dear teacher, to profit diligently by his instructions, especially in the saving Word of God, and not to resist the discipline he imposes in God's name, so that your teacher's labors among you may become an everlasting blessing to you, and the Good Shepherd's promise for His lambs be fulfilled in you: "I give unto them eternal life." Amen.

To the end that the gracious God may crown the labors of this our teacher with His blessing,

Let us pray:

Almighty God, Thou everlasting Fountain of all wisdom, who hast established among us a Christian school, and wouldst have all pure arts and useful knowledge to be consecrated to Thy service, we bless and magnify Thy holy name and give thanks to Thee for Thy great goodness. And we beseech Thee, vouchsafe unto us the continuance of Thy blessing, that Thy Word may dwell richly in us and our children, and Thy name be glorified among us. Grant unto this Thy servant Thy Holy Spirit, and adorn him with wisdom and power from on high, that he may lead our little ones to Thee, and in the face of numerous discouragements wait faithfully on his arduous calling. Dispose our children to godliness and obedience, and let them so profit by instruction in Thy holy Word that they may be preserved from all ungodliness, serve Thee all their days, and finally obtain eternal life. Stir up the hearts of all parents and members of this church to regard their teacher as one sent by Thee, to aid him in the Christian training of their children, and to pray and labor for the welfare of our school. And do Thou continue to build Thy kingdom both here and elsewhere to the end of days. Hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

XIV. The Installation of a Church Council.

After the General Prayer the Minister shall announce the names of the newly elected members, who shall then present themselves before the altar; whereupon the Minister shall say:

Dear Brethren: You have been elected, in a regular meeting of this Congregation, as members of the Church Council.

Then the Minister may state the duties of their office as set forth in the constitution of the Congregation, or in the words following:

[As such, you are to be associated with me, the appointed Minister of the Word, in the work of upbuilding the kingdom of God among us.

You are to see that the services of God's house be held regularly and conducted decently and in order; that the Gospel be preached in its purity, in accordance with the sound Lutheran faith; that the necessary provisions be made for the instruction of the young; and that Christian discipline be maintained.

You are to administer the temporal affairs of the Congregation, keep its property in good repair, and provide for the Pastor's support and for all other necessary expenses.

You are to assist the Pastor in the care of the sick and the needy, in the cultivation of peace, harmony, and love among the members, in the promotion of the general welfare of the Congregation, and in the furtherance of Christ's kingdom at home and abroad.

You are also, as servants of Christ and officers of His Church, to set your own households and the whole Congregation the example of a devout Christian life.]

In order, then, that the Congregation may be assured of your willingness to serve, I ask you, in the presence of God and this Congregation:

Will you diligently and faithfully perform the duties of your office in conformity with the ordinances of God, the confessions of our Church, and the constitution of this Congregation, according to the ability which God giveth?

Answer: Yes, with the help of God.

Then the Minister, taking each of the Officers by the hand, shall say:

Whereas you have made this solemn promise, I herewith commit to you the exercise of this office to which you have been elected (as our *President,* etc.). I charge you, in the name of the Lord

Jesus Christ, and in the name of the Church of which He is the Head, that you give all diligence to perform your manifold duties with untiring faithfulness and contant solicitude, as you will desire to have done when you shall be called to give an account of your stewardship. Make the Word of God your guide, and search it daily for instruction. And to the end that your ministrations may serve for the glory of God, the best interests of the Congregation, and your own great joy, may God, without whom we can do nothing, plentifully endow you with His grace and bless abundantly all your faithful labors.

Or:

I wish you the blessing and guidance of God in the exercise of your office. May the Lord direct and assist you by His Holy Spirit; may He counsel and strengthen you in all your undertakings, and encourage you to labor diligently for the prosperity of His Church and Congregation, and to fulfil with fidelity your respective duties. And be assured that He who is faithful and just to reward those who serve Him with uprightness and fidelity, will bless your labors and grant you, in time and eternity, a recompense according to His great goodness.

Let us pray:

O most merciful and gracious God, who art an ever-present witness of all our promises and vows, we beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, send down Thy Holy Spirit upon these Thy servants, that they may discharge their duties with diligence, steadfastness, boldness, and wisdom. Grant them, in particular, the spirit of devotion and prayer, that in every time of need they may by prayer and supplication make their requests for the Church known to Thee, and in this house lift up holy hands without wrath and doubting. Enable them in all things to show themselves patterns of good works, that by their lives they may edify Thy congregation, and that the enemies of Thy Church may find in them no ground for cavil. Set them for a blessing to Thy believers; keep them in sincere harmony with their pastor; and grant that also by their service the unity of this Congregation may be strengthened, that Thy name may be hallowed, Thy kingdom enlarged, and Thy will done; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Go, then, dear Brethren, as ye have been called. Be steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. Depart in peace.

The Minister now turns to those who are going out of office, saying:

We herewith take occasion, in the name of the Congregation, to tender our hearty thanks to those brethren who in the past [year] have served as members of the Church Council. May the Lord, our God, graciously reward them for their services done for His glory and in the interest of His Church!

The service shall then be closed in the usual way.

XV. Laying the Corner-Stone of a Church.

When the Corner-stone of a church is to be laid, an appropriate service shall be held at the place where the edifice is to be built.

A Hymn shall be sung, and a Psalm (e. g., 46; 111; 118) may be said responsively, with Gloria Patri.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: grant us, we beseech Thee, the fulness of Thy mercy. Prosper and bless the work which we are here undertaking, that, by Thy favor, it may promote Thy glory and the salvation of many souls; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Then shall be read the Lesson, e. g., Gen. 28, 10—22; Ps. 84; 87; 122; Matt. 16, 13—19; Eph. 2, 19—22; 1 Cor. 3, 9—23.

Then may be sung a Hymn.

If there be an Address, it shall now be made.

Then may be sung another Hymn.

A list of the contents of the box which is to be deposited in the corner-stone is here read, and the box placed in the stone. The contents of the box may embrace:

The constitution and history of the Congregation, a Catechism, a Hymn-book, a list containing the names of the church officers, the pastor, the teacher, the building committee, the builder, etc.; moreover, synodical reports and other Church publications; also the names of the President, the Governor of the State, the Mayor of the city at the time; and, lastly, newspapers of the city or State, etc.

Then, the stone having been adjusted by the builder, the Minister, taking in hand a hammer or trowel, strikes the stone three times in the name of the Trinity, saying:

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

I lay the corner-stone of an edifice to be here erected under the name of —— Church, and devoted to the worship of the one and only living and true God, the proclamation of His Gospel, and the ministry of His holy Sacraments in the name * of the Father, * and of the Son, * and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner.

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ, true God and man, blessed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us now unite in the confession of our holy Christian faith:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray.

1.

Almighty and everlasting God, our heavenly Father, whom the heavens cannot contain, but whose will it is to have a house upon earth wherein prayer and praise may be continually offered to Thy name, let Thine eyes, we pray Thee, be toward this place, where we purpose to build a house of worship to the glory of Thy holy name and for the salvation of souls purchased by the blood of Thine only-begotten Son. Bless and prosper, we beseech Thee, the work which we here begin in Thy name, that in this place not only an earthly house may be erected unto Thee, but also a spiritual temple, a congregation of true be-

lievers, who, knowing and worshiping Thee, shall do Thy will, promote Thy glory, and extend Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

2.

Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy servants to begin the erection of a building in which Thy holy name is to be worshiped, the Word of Reconciliation is to be proclaimed, and the Sacraments are to be administered. Prosper Thou them, O God, in this their undertaking. Give to the members of this Congregation unity of counsel, purity of intention, and a supreme purpose to advance Thy glory in promoting the extension and interests of Thy holy Church, appointed for the salvation of mankind. Guard by Thy providence everything pertaining to the building, which is now begun in Thy fear and in reliance on Thy blessing, that it may be successfully completed. Direct the skill and animate the industry of the superintendents and workmen, and shield them from all accidents and dangers. Grant also that by the influences of Thy Holy Spirit we, with all Thy people, as lively stones, may be built up into a spiritual house and an abiding temple of Thy glory, and be prepared for that eternal city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker Thou art. Now unto Thee, who art able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Then shall all say together:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Then may be sung a Hymn.

Then shall the Minister pronounce the Benediction.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

XVI. The Dedication of a Church.

When a church is to be dedicated, the Ministers present, with the Congregation, may convene for a valedictory service, consisting of the singing of a Hymn and an Address, at the former place of worship or some other suitable place.

Then the Minister, with the Congregation, may go in procession to the door of the church, bearing the Bible and sacred vessels, and singing a Processional Hymn.

Then the Minister may say:

Let us pray:

O eternal God, who dwellest in the high and holy place and with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, we beseech Thee, graciously look upon us and let us enter this Thy house with Thy blessing, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the keys be handed to the Minister by the builder or by one of the trustees of the church, and the Minister shall say:

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Whereas, by the grace of God, we are permitted this day to dedicate this house of God, I herewith open the gates of this house for the preaching of the saving Word of God in accordance with the Confessions of our Church, for the administration and use of the holy Sacraments according to the institution of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for offering to God's glorious Majesty the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then, the door having been unlocked by the Minister and opened by a member of the Church Council, may be said responsively Ps. 24, 100, or 122; or the Minister may say:

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Minister, with the Congregation, shall then move slowly into the church. Having come to the chancel, the Ministers and members of the Church Council shall enter it, and deposit the Bible and sacred vessels in their places.

Then shall a Hymn be sung.

Then shall the Minister say:

Albeit the Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands, but with His glory doth fill the heavens and the earth, He hath yet been pleased to reveal His gracious presence, wherever His holy Word and Sacraments are in use. For thus He spake through Moses (Ex. 20, 24): "In all places where I record My name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee"; and, again, through Christ, His Son (Matt. 18, 20): "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." Whereas, then, this house hath been built for the manifestation of the grace of God in Word and Sacrament, and we are for the first time gathered together here in His name, let us, therefore, hear the Word of the Lord, and by our prayer commend this place to Him, knowing that all things are sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.

Then the following or other Scripture-lessons shall be read: 1 Kings 8, 1—13. 22—30; 1 Chron. 30, 1—20; Ps. 84; 72; 122; 132; Heb. 10, 19—25.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray.

1.

O almighty, everlasting God, who through Thy Son, the chief Corner-stone, dost join together the believers into one edifice, and out of lively stones dost build for Thyself a spiritual temple: look with favor also upon this house, which we have built for Thy glory, to be a memorial to Thy name, a dwelling-place for Thine honor, and a house of prayer for Thy people. Accept it as Thine own forthwith, O Lord, and visit it with Thy most holy presence, to the end that our going in and our coming out may be blessed from this time forth even forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou great Shepherd and Bishop of souls, we pray Thee to take this house of worship and this congregation into Thy charge. Guard and defend this Thy flock, and cause their number to be daily increased. Here, we pray Thee, cause Thy Gospel-light to shine. Here bless Thy flock evermore with faithful shepherds, and clothe Thy ministers with righteousness. Here let the way of salvation be truly set forth, and Thy Holy Spirit attend Thy Word, to graft it inwardly in the hearts of all who hear it, that they may know Thee, the

only true and living God and Savior of the world, and worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Cause the message of peace to go forth from this place even unto the distant nations and to the remote corners of the earth, that many may be called from the way of destruction, and walk in the light of Thy blessed countenance. May Thy Holy Spirit always accompany the administration of Thy holy Sacraments in this place, and with His saving influence make them effectual means of grace to Thy people. May the rising generation here be faithfully instructed in sound doctrine, that they may believe in Thee and live to Thy praise. Graciously hear the prayers which Thy children shall offer unto Thee in this place. Bless the marriages which shall here be solemnized. All that weep in affliction and bereavement comfort Thou with Thy heavenly peace. Let the blessing of harmony and peace forever rest upon this house. And finally bring us, and all who in time to come worship in this place, together with all Thy redeemed, to that city of God wherein there is no temple, and of which the Lamb is the Light, there to unite in Thy praise with all the angels and the saints. Hear us, Jesus, our Savior, for Thine own name's sake. Amen.

Then shall be said the Nicene Creed, and the remainder of the service shall proceed according to the regular Order of Service, with Holy Communion.

XVII. The Dedication of a School.

When a Schoolhouse is to be dedicated, a brief service may be held at the Church.

Then may the Minister, with the Congregation, go in procession to the door of the Schoolhouse.

Then shall the builder or one of the Trustees of the Church hand the keys to the Minister to unlock the door. While a member of the Church Council opens the door, the Minister shall say:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost we open the gates of this house, that it may henceforth be the School of —— Evangelical Lutheran Church and a nursery of our God for our children. May God cause His blessing to rest on this house, to His glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Then, the Congregation being assembled in the Schoolhouse, an appropriate Hymn may be sung.

Then the Minister may say:

Whereas, according to St. Paul, all things are sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, let us hear a portion of Holy Writ, as we find it recorded (*e. g.*, Deut. 9, 1—9; 1 Sam. 3, 1—10; Ps. 8; Matt. 21, 10—16; Mark 10, 13—16; Luke 2, 42—52; 19, 1—10).

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray:

O almighty, everlasting God, who hast granted us grace to erect this house to Thy praise, that out of the mouth of babes Thou mightest ordain strength: we dedicate unto Thee that which is Thine own, that it may be consecrated to Thy name. Come, then, O Lord, and take possession of this house, that it may henceforth be a school and workshop of Thy Spirit, in which our youth is not only to be taught all manner of secular wisdom and knowledge, but, above all, to be instructed unto the kingdom of heaven and made wise unto salvation, to the end that Thy kingdom may be built also in this place, and Thy name may be hallowed, and that Thou, O God, in all things mayest be glorified; through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Then may follow a Hymn or a Song by the children.

Then shall the Minister make an Address appropriate to the occasion.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray:

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, we give Thee thanks, not only for the continuance of Thy Church among us with the means of salvation and everlasting life, but also at this time for enabling us to establish and maintain *a Christian school,* so that, as Thou hast bidden us to feed Thy lambs, we are able to bring up our children in all godly and useful knowledge and in Thy fear, which is the beginning of wisdom. We beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness preserve this salutary institution among us for a blessing to us and to our children and to the generations after us. Give us a due sense of the importance of *a Christian school,* and teach us to regard *it* as *a workshop* of Thy Spirit for performing His gracious operations in the hearts of the young. Dispose us to support and uphold *it* with all diligence and earnestness, and to contribute liberally of our means for *its*

successful maintenance. — Endue the teachers with Thy Holy Spirit, that they may wait on their office, not for filthy lucre, nor as being desirous of vainglory, but as good stewards, laboring both early and late and with their whole strength, notwithstanding daily and hourly discouragements, to promote Thine honor by teaching the rising generation Thy sacred laws and gracious promises. Bless and prosper their prayers and labors, and let them look at the things which are not seen, knowing that their reward will be great in heaven. — Bestow upon our children a meek and teachable disposition, that they may not despise Thy mercy, but treasure the instruction and admonition here imparted, hide Thy commandments in their hearts, and find the saving knowledge of Thee. Let them be like trees planted by the rivers of water, that they may bring forth their fruit in due season, being conscientious in the performance of duty and useful in their generation. And do Thou keep them in Thine arms, bind them to Thy heart, save them from the evil that is in the world through sin, and at last take them, with us and all Thy chosen seed, into Thine everlasting kingdom. — Help us all to grow day by day in knowledge of Thee and in all good works, until hereafter, when that which is in part shall be done away, we shall see Thee face to face, and know even as also we are known, and with all the company in heaven give Thee praise, glory, and honor, world without end. Amen.

Then shall all say together:

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Then shall be sung a Hymn, followed by the Benediction.

XVIII. The Dedication of an Organ.

The Dedication of an Organ may take place in connection with a regular Service.

A Hymn may be sung without the organ accompaniment.

Then shall the Minister say:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Then shall the Congregation say:

Who made heaven and earth.

Then shall the Minister say:

Beloved in the Lord: The gracious God and Father in Christ Jesus hath made this day to be unto us a day of especial rejoicing. The new organ, which of His fatherly goodness He hath given us, is this day for the first time to peal forth in harmonious strains for our worship. Therefore we will give Him thanks, and set apart this His precious gift to His continual service, even as He hath taught us in His holy Word that it is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.

The Scripture-lessons may include 2 Chron. 29, 25—31; Ps. 150; 98; Eph. 5, 19—29; Rev. 5, 6—14.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray.

1.

O Lord, who hast appointed cymbals and trumpets, psalteries and harps, for the service of Thy holy Temple, we pray Thee graciously to accept from our hands this organ, and let this service be well-pleasing unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

2.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dwellest in the heavens surrounded by angels and archangels that worship Thee, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: we bless Thee that Thou also inhabitest the praises of Thy people here on earth. Accept, we beseech Thee, the sacrifice of praise which we bring Thee for all Thy mercies, especially for the gift of Thy Son, for the founding of Thy Church, for the fellowship of Thy saints, and for the joy of Thy service. We thank Thee that Thou hast of Thy goodness given us this organ, which we this day desire to

set apart for Thy praise. Help us so to use it that it may serve only to glorify Thy name, and to edify Thy people. May it be sanctified art that awakens its harmonies, that we may at all times with our hearts and mouths sing unto Thee in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Even as the tones of this organ peal forth in pleasing unity and concord, so give us all unity of spirit and harmony of faith, that we may here in time with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee, until at length we join with the innumerable company before Thy throne in the unending praise of heaven; through Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be glory and dominion and power, world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Minister, and the Congregation with him, say the Lord's Prayer.

Then shall the Minister say:

And now this organ, set apart by the Word of God and prayer, is henceforth dedicated to the worship of God: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall follow a Hymn with organ accompaniment, after which shall follow the Sermon, and the service close in the ordinary manner.

A simpler form of dedication would be to use the new organ from the beginning of the service, to substitute an organ collect (No. 1, above) for the regular collect, to read the Scripture-lessons above given, and to use the longer prayer after the sermon, alone or together with other prayers.

XIX. The Dedication of a Bell.

The Form given below may be used in place of, or together with, the Prayer after the Sermon in a regular service.

The following Scriptures may be used as Lessons: Num. 10, 1—10; Ps. 100. The Sermon should have reference to the significance of bells in ecclesiastical usage. As texts may be used, e. g., Num. 10, 2; Ps. 115, 6—8; Matt. 22, 4; 1 Cor. 13, 1.

The Minister may say:

Beloved in the Lord: To the glory of God and for the use of the Congregation we have placed a new bell in the tower of this church. It is to be used for proclaiming the praise of the Lord, for summoning the Congregation to the house of God, and for inviting us to prayer. Before using it, let us call upon the Lord, and beseech Him to bless its use for His service unto His glory.

Let us pray.

1.

O Lord, our God, we praise Thee and give thanks unto Thy name that Thou hast established among us a place where we may worship Thee, and where Thy Word may be proclaimed. We thank Thee for the privilege of adorning Thy house with a bell, and we beseech Thee to bless its use unto us, that its sound may go forth to Thy glory and to the edification of the Congregation. Grant that we may gladly obey the voice of the bell when it calls us to Thy house, and not neglect its admonition to adore Thy grace and glory. Preserve this house from all danger, especially from false doctrine and service, and may the sound of this bell go forth from generation to generation to Thy praise, to the glory of Thy name, and to the admonition and edification of all who live in this place. To Thee, O Triune God, be praise and dominion, here in the Church of Thy redeemed, and in heaven in the blessed company of saints and angels, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

2.

O Lord, forasmuch as Thou hast said in Thy Word that every creature is sanctified by Thy Word and our prayer, we call upon Thee as concerning this bell, which is now to sound forth to the glory of Thy holy name. It is, indeed, but sounding brass, and knoweth not what it doth proclaim. But we beseech Thee, be pleased to accept its song of praise, and grant that it may call us also to repentance. Let the voice of the bell admonish us that we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth, seeking the city to come. Do Thou arouse us, when the bell calleth us, to watch and pray. And graciously help us that, when we shall be borne to our graves, this bell may ring in Thy great Sabbath, which Thou hast prepared for Thy people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The bell may be struck three times, while the Minister, and the Congregation with him, says

The Lord's Prayer.

The bell may be rung continuously while the Congregation sings the Doxology.

XX. The Dedication of a Burial Ground.

The Minister may say:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then may be sung a Hymn.

Then may be said or chanted the Kyrie.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray:

O almighty God, Heavenly Father, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst destroy death, and by His rest in the tomb hast sanctified the graves of all that die in Him, and by His resurrection broken and overcome the power of death: we beseech Thee, be pleased to raise us up, by Thy Holy Spirit, from the death and grave of sin, and hereafter graciously take us and all Thy saints who rest in the chambers of death unto Thee in heaven, where we shall praise and glorify Thee, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Then may be said responsively Ps. 90. The following or other Scripture-lessons may also be read: Gen. 23; John 5, 24—29; 11, 11—26; 1 Cor. 15, 35—58; 1 Thess. 4, 13—18.

Then may be sung a Hymn.

Then may be delivered a suitable Address.

Then the Minister shall say:

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the First-fruits of them that slept.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, Lord of the living and the dead, we humbly confess before Thee that on account of our sins we are subject to death, and our bodies return to the dust out of which they are taken. But we give Thee thanks and praise that, according to Thy gracious counsel and will, Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through His death and resurrection, hath deprived death

of its sting and the grave of its victory, and that all who die in Him shall be raised from their graves and stand before Him with exceeding joy. May we, therefore, here commit to the earth our beloved dead in the blessed hope that, as the seed which is sown in the ground dies, and again is quickened unto the harvest, even so their mortal bodies, being sown in weakness and dishonor and corruption as on a field planted unto the day of resurrection, will be raised and come forth in incorruption and glory and power, being fashioned like unto Christ's glorious body. Spread Thy protecting hand over this ground, that it may be a peaceful resting-place for the bodies of Thy saints, until Thou wilt awaken them and clothe them with incorruption and immortality. Comfort those, we beseech Thee, who bring hither their dead, with the sure consolation of Thy Word, that those who fall asleep in Jesus are not lost, but blessed from henceforth. By Thy Holy Spirit awaken to life all those spiritually dead who mourn in this place, strengthen our faith and hope, and enable us, at the time appointed for us, to depart in peace, that on the last great day Thou mayest from this place gather many shining sheaves for the harvest of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Then shall all say

The Lord's Prayer.

The service may then be concluded with a Hymn and the Benediction.

XXI. The Dedication of a Parsonage.

The following Introit may be said or sung:

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

O Lord, open Thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say:

Whereas all things are sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, let us pray:

O Lord, almighty and eternal God, who hast permitted Thy servants to erect this house, we entreat Thee to enter and abide therein, that the salvation of Thy kingdom may come to all that inhabit it, to the end that Thy name may be hallowed, and all glory and worship be given unto Thee from this time forth and even forevermore. Amen.

Then shall the Minister read a Scripture-lesson, e. g., Ps. 1; 100; 127.

Then may follow a Short Address.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray:

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we thank and praise Thee that by Thy favor Thou hast prospered the work of this Congregation in erecting here this habitation for the servant of Thy Word; and we beseech Thee, take this house under Thy gracious protection. Let Thy holy angels encamp around it both day and night. Defend it against all danger, against fire and other calamities. Hold Thy protecting hand over Thy servant and his household, who are to dwell in this house. Bless them with health and strength, with true faith and a godly life, with zeal and faithfulness in Thy service. Let the Word of Christ to this end dwell in them richly in all wisdom, that their abode may be Thy temple and constant dwelling-place, and their faith and service be a shining example to the whole flock. May they in this place continually experience Thy faithful love and the generous friendship of Thy people, that they may give Thee praise and glory forevermore. Amen.

Then may the service close with the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction.

XXII. The Dedication of a Parish-House.

A Hymn may be sung.

Then the Minister may say:

Whereas by the grace of God we have been permitted to erect this parish-house as an auxiliary to the work of this Congregation, and are able this day to devote the completed structure to the purposes for which it is intended, we fitly enter upon its use with brief religious exercises, as a witness to all men and a reminder to ourselves, both young and old, that all we do in this place as elsewhere, in work or play, should be for the service and glory of God and for the edification of His people, knowing that all things are sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.

Let us pray:

We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, that Thou hast enabled us to complete this edifice without mishap, and we beseech Thee, guide us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may use it in such manner as will promote Thy glory and our own eternal welfare; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A Scripture-lesson may here be read, e. g., Ps. 1.

Then may follow an Address, after which the Minister may say:

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for all Thy inestimable favors, for the gift of salvation, for the advantages of Christian companionship and culture which we enjoy, and especially this day for the successful completion of this our parish-house. And we beseech Thee, let Thy protection and blessing rest on this place and on all who gather here. Bestow Thy grace upon us, fill our hearts with the knowledge and fear of Thee, with zeal and faithfulness in Thy cause, clothe us with the whole armor of God to withstand in the evil day, withdraw our minds from the pleasures of this world, teach us to love the things Thou lovest, endue us with the spirit of harmony and peace, and grant that we may ever be united by a common faith in Thee, and conduct our lives as in Thy presence, for the promotion of Thy kingdom to the praise of Thy holy name. Amen.

The service may close with a Hymn.

XXIII. The Dedication of a Dwelling.

The following Introit may be sung or said:

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

O Lord, open Thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Show Thy work unto Thy servants, and Thine honor unto their children.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say:

As all things are sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, let us pray:

O Lord, almighty and eternal God; who hast permitted Thy servants to erect this house, we entreat Thee to enter and abide therein, that the salvation of Thy kingdom may come to all that inhabit it, to the end that Thy name may be hallowed, and all glory and worship be given unto Thee from this time forth and even forevermore. Amen.

Then shall the Minister read a Scripture-lesson, e. g., Luke 19, 1—10.

Then may follow a Short Address.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray:

O Lord, holy Father, bless this household, bless their going in; bless them as Thou didst bless the houses of Thy patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst say to Thy disciples, When ye enter a house, ye shall greet it and say, Peace be with this house: let Thy peace come upon this house, and bless it with the fulness of Thy grace. O Lord God, Holy Ghost, Thou Spirit of wisdom and truth, of counsel and strength, of knowledge and the fear of God, come to this household with Thy manifold gifts, and sanctify it unto Thy temple and dwelling-place. Bless, O Lord, this house, and what belongs thereto. Bless its inhabitants with true faith and a godly life, with zeal and faithfulness in Thy service. Bless them with health and strength in body and soul. Let Thy holy angels

encamp around this house both day and night. Defend it against all danger, against fire and other calamities. Protect it with Thy mighty hand, and let all that dwell therein live in peace and happiness all the days of their lives. Unto Thee, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be praise and glory forevermore. Amen.

Then may the service close with the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction.

XXIV. Congregational Meeting.

After the singing of a Hymn, the Minister may say:

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen.

Then may the Minister say:

The Lord be with you.

The Congregation shall answer:

And with thy spirit.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray.

1.

Almighty God and Lord, our Father in Christ Jesus, who hast called us to labor in Thy vineyard, and without whom we can do nothing: we heartily beseech Thee, vouchsafe unto us Thy gracious presence at this meeting. Enlighten and guide us by Thy Word, that, in all the matters upon which we deliberate, we may know what will promote the best interests of Thy Church and redound to Thy praise. And do Thou bestow Thy blessing upon the measures that we resolve upon in Thy fear. Let Thy Holy Spirit govern and direct our hearts, and let the peace of Thy dear Son dwell in us, that as brethren we may consult peaceably together, and as members of the One Head be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another, to the end that all we say or do may please Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. Amen.

2.

O Lord Jesus Christ, we are gathered together in Thy name to consult together in peace and amity on important matters relating to the promotion of Thy kingdom. We beseech Thee,

therefore, be in the midst of us, according to Thy promise, and grant that we may earnestly desire, wisely search out, truly perceive, and perfectly fulfil those things which are well-pleasing in Thy sight, to the praise and glory of Thy name. Amen.

3.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help, that, in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

4.

God of all truth and grace, who hast caused the Sun of Righteousness to rise upon a dark and benighted world, be pleased graciously so to illumine the souls of Thy people with the beams of heavenly wisdom that they may continually walk in Thy light and know both to avoid evil and to follow after that which is good; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

5.

Almighty God, direct and govern us by Thy Holy Spirit, guiding us both to devise and do those things which shall be for the glory of Thy name and the welfare of Thy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

6.

O Lord, who hast graciously given us Thy Word as a light unto our path, keep us from relying, in things spiritual, on the judgment of our sin-blinded reason or the opinions of worldly-minded men; but let us be guided solely by Thine infallible Word, that, turning aside neither to the right hand nor to the left, we may escape the byways of error that imperil the soul, and ever do that which pleaseth Thee and maketh for our salvation, until, having finished our earthly course, we shall enter into everlasting communion with Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Then may one of the Lessons here given be read: Ps. 119, 12—24; 89, 1—18; 93.

The meeting may be closed by the singing of a Hymn, followed by the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction.

XXV. The Opening and Closing of Synods.

I. The Opening.

Synods and General Representative Conventions of the Church should be opened with the full Morning Service.

The first session shall be opened by the singing of a Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost, after which the following order may be used.

President. The Lord be with you.

Members. And with thy spirit.

President. Let us pray:

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, who hast promised by Thy Son, Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church unto the end of the world, and that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it: graciously make Thy strength perfect in our weakness, and, according to Thy promise, be present with us, Thine unworthy servants, and grant us Thy merciful help in all our deliberations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus, our merciful Redeemer, whose will it is that all who believe on Thee may be one, even as Thou and the Father are one, grant us Thy grace that we may endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and that, through the faithful discharge of our duties, the congregations throughout our borders may be led in the way of peace, may be built up, and filled with the comfort of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall be read an appropriate Scripture-lesson, e. g., Ps. 45; 87; Luke 19, 12—27; John 20, 19—23; Eph. 6, 10—18.

Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer, followed by the Benediction and a Hymn.

Then shall the President say:

Dear brethren: Having therefore boldness to enter into the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, and having an High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that hath promised. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works. The Lord be with us, that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

I do now declare this Synod open, according to the principles and usages of our Church, for the glory of God and for the good of His kingdom. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The daily sessions may be opened with a Hymn, Scripture-lesson, Collect, and Benediction.

II. The Close.

The daily sessions may be closed with a Collect or a Prayer ex corde (Lord's Prayer) and the Benediction.

The final closing of Synod may follow the Order of Evening Service, or the following order may be used.

A Hymn of praise or thanksgiving may be sung. Prayer shall then be offered by the President. A Prayer ex corde or a Collect for the Church may be used.

President. The Lord be with you.

Members. And with thy spirit.

President. Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone doest great wonders, send down upon Thy ministers, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of Thy grace; and that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the President read an appropriate Scripture-lesson, e. g., Ps. 111; 133; 134.

Then shall the President, and the Members of Synod with him, say the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

Then shall the President say:

Dear brethren, I do now close this Synod in the name of the Lord. And let it be our part to stand fast in the love of Christ, that when He cometh in His glory, we may rejoice before Him with exceeding joy.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

The History of the Passion and Death of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

According to the Four Evangelists.

First Lesson.

And when they had sung an hymn, Jesus came out, and went forth, as He was wont, over the brook Cedron into the Mount of Olives; and His disciples also followed Him. Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of Me this night, for it is written, I will smite the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. But Peter answered and said unto Him, Though all shall be offended because of Thee, yet will I never be offended. And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny Me thrice. But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with Thee, I will not deny Thee in any wise. Likewise also said all the disciples.

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, where was a garden, into the which He entered and His disciples. And Judas also, which betrayed Him, knew the place; for Jesus ofttimes resorted thither with His disciples. Then said Jesus unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

And He took with Him Peter, James, and John, the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sore amazed, and sorrowful, and very heavy. Then said He unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here, and watch with Me, and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and fell on His face on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him; and He said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto Thee; take away this cup from Me; nevertheless not what I will, but what Thou wilt. And He cometh unto His disciples and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? Couldest not thou watch with Me one hour? Watch ye and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit, indeed, is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time and prayed, saying, O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me except I drink it, Thy will be done. And

when He returned, He found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer Him. And He left them, and went away again and prayed the third time the same words, saying, Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me; nevertheless, not My will, but Thine, be done.

And there appeared an angel unto Him from heaven strengthening Him. And being in an agony, He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

And when He rose up from prayer, and was come to His disciples, He found them sleeping for sorrow, and said unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest! Why sleep ye? It is enough; behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, and let us be going; behold, he is at hand that doth betray Me. Pray, however, lest ye enter into temptation.

Second Lesson.

And immediately, while He yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the Twelve, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, and the scribes and the elders of the people, went before the multitude; and they came thither with lanterns and torches, with swords and staves. Now he that betrayed Him had given them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is He; take Him, hold Him fast, and lead Him away safely. Jesus, therefore, knowing all things that should come upon Him, went forth and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered Him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus said unto them, I am He. And Judas also, which betrayed Him, stood with them. As soon, then, as He had said unto them, I am He, they went backward, and fell to the ground. Then asked He them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus answered, I have told you that I am He: if, therefore, ye seek Me, let these go their way: that the saying might be fulfilled which He spake, Of them which Thou gavest Me have I lost none.

And Judas drew near unto Jesus to kiss Him, and he goeth straightway to Him and saith, Hail, Master; and kissed Him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Judas, betrayest thou the Son of Man with a kiss? Then came they and laid hands on Jesus, and took Him. When they which were about Him saw what would follow, they said

unto Him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath; for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He shall presently give Me more than twelve legions of angels? The cup which My Father hath given Me, shall I not drink it? But how, then, shall the Scriptures be fulfilled that thus it must be? Suffer ye thus far. And He touched his ear, and healed him.

In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, the chief priests, and captains of the Temple and the elders, which were come to Him, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take Me? I was daily with you teaching in the Temple, and ye stretched forth no hands against Me; but this is your hour and the power of darkness, for the Scriptures must be fulfilled. But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.

Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled. And there followed Him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him; and he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

Third Lesson.

Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Jesus, and bound Him, and led Him away to Annas first; for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year. Now Caiaphas was he which gave counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. And then they led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where all the chief priests and the scribes and the elders were assembled.

And Simon Peter followed Jesus afar off unto the high priest's palace, and so did another disciple; that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals, for it was cold; and they warmed them-

selves, and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself, to see the end. Then one of the maids of the high priest, the damsel that kept the door, when she saw Peter as he sat by the fire warming himself, earnestly looked upon him and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth. Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? But he denied before them all, saying, Woman, I know Him not, neither understand I what thou sayest.

The high priest then asked Jesus of His disciples and of His doctrine. Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagog and in the Temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou Me? Ask them which heard Me, what I have said unto them; behold, they know what I said. And when He had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest Thou the high priest so? Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why smitest thou Me? Now Annas had sent Him bound unto Caiaphas, the high priest.

Fourth Lesson.

And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. And after a little while (after the first denial), as he went out into the porch, the cock crew. And another maid saw him, and began to say to them that stood by, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. They said, therefore, unto him, Art not thou also one of His disciples? And another said, Thou art also of them. And again he denied it with an oath, saying, Man, I am not; I do not know the man. And after a little while, about the space of one hour, another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with Him; for he is a Galilean. Then came they that stood by and said to Peter, Surely thou art one of them, for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth thereto and bewrayeth thee. One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman, whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with Him? Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak. And immediately, as he yet spake, the cock crew the second time. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny Me thrice. And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the chief priests and elders and all the council sought false witness against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none; yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none, for their witness agreed not together. At the last there arose and came two false witnesses, and bare false witness against Him, the one saying, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the Temple of God, and to build it in three days; and the other, We heard Him say, I will destroy this Temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands. But neither so did their witness agree together.

And the high priest arose, and stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest Thou nothing? What is it which these witness against Thee? But Jesus held His peace and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, and said unto Him, Art Thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? I adjure Thee by the living God that Thou tell us whether Thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: I am. Nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now ye have heard His blasphemy. What think ye? And they all condemned Him, answered and said, He is guilty of death.

And the men that held Jesus mocked Him, and some began to spit in His face and to buffet Him; and others, when they had blindfolded Him, struck Him on the face with the palms of their hands, especially the servants. And they asked Him, saying, Prophesy unto us, Thou Christ, Who is he that smote Thee? And many other things blasphemously spake they against Him.

And as soon as it was day, all the chief priests and the elders of the people and the scribes came together, and took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. And they led Him into their council, saying, Art Thou the Christ? Tell us. And He said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe; and if I also ask you, ye will not answer Me, nor let Me go. Hereafter shall the Son of Man sit on the right hand of the power of God. Then said they all, Art Thou, then, the Son of God? And He said unto them, Ye say that I am. And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of His own mouth.

Fifth Lesson.

And the whole multitude of them arose, and bound Jesus, and led Him away from Caiaphas unto the Hall of Judgment, and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate, the governor; and it was early.

Then Judas, which had betrayed Him, when he saw that He was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? See thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the Temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself, and burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field to bury strangers in. And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem, insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, whom they of the children of Israel did value, and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

And the Jews themselves went not into the judgment-hall, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the passover. Pilate then went out unto them and said, What accusation bring ye against this man? They answered and said unto him, If He were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered Him up unto thee. Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye Him, and judge Him according to your law. The Jews, therefore, said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death; that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spake, signifying what death He should die.

And they, the chief priests and elders, began to accuse Him of many things, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a king. Then Pilate entered into the judgment-hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto Him, Art Thou the king of the Jews? And Jesus stood before him and answered, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell

it thee of Me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered Thee unto me: what hast Thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world; if My kingdom were of this world, then would My servants fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is My kingdom not from hence. Pilate, therefore, said unto Him, Art Thou a king, then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth My voice. Pilate saith unto Him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews and saith unto them, I find in Him no fault at all. And when He was accused of the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. And Pilate asked Him again, saying, Answerest Thou nothing? Behold how many things they witness against Thee. Hearest Thou not? And He answered him to never a word, insomuch that the governor marveled greatly.

Sixth Lesson.

And they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place.

When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilean. And as soon as he knew that He belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time. And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad; for he was desirous to see Him of a long season, because he had heard many things of Him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by Him. Then he questioned with Him in many words, but He answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him. And Herod with his men of war set Him at naught, and mocked Him, and arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him again to Pilate. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together; for before they were at enmity between themselves.

And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me as one that perverteth the people; and, behold, I, having examined Him before you, have found no fault

in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse Him: no, nor yet Herod; for I sent you to him, and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto Him. I will, therefore, chastise Him, and release Him. Now at that feast the governor must of necessity release unto the people a prisoner, whomsoever they desired. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in a certain sedition made in the city. And the multitude, crying aloud, began to desire Pilate to do as he had ever done unto them. Therefore, when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Ye have a custom that I should release unto you one at the Passover. Whom will ye that I release unto you, Barabbas, or Jesus, which is called Christ, the King of the Jews? For he knew that the chief priests had delivered Him for envy.

When he was set down on the judgment-seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of Him.

But the chief priests and elders persuaded and moved the people that they should ask Barabbas and destroy Jesus; and they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas. Pilate, therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them, What shall I do, then, with Jesus which is called Christ, the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, Crucify Him, crucify Him. And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath He done? I have found no cause of death in Him; I will, therefore, chastise Him, and let Him go. But they cried out the more, saying, Let Him be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

Seventh Lesson.

Then Pilate, therefore, took Jesus and scourged Him. And the soldiers of the governor led Him away into the common hall, called Praetorium; and they called together the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped Him and clothed Him with purple, putting on Him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head and a reed in His right hand; and they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, and began to salute Him, saying, Hail, King of

the Jews. And they smote Him with their hands, and they spit upon Him, and took the reed, and smote Him on the head, and, bowing their knees, worshiped Him.

Pilate, therefore, went forth again, and said unto them, Behold, I bring Him forth unto you that ye may know that I find no fault in Him. Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests, therefore, and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, Crucify Him, crucify Him. Pilate said unto them, Take ye Him, and crucify Him; for I find no fault in Him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.

When Pilate, therefore, heard that saying, he was the more afraid; and went again into the judgment-hall and said unto Jesus, Whence art Thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto Him, Speakest Thou not unto me? Knowest Thou not that I have power to crucify Thee, and have power to release Thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against Me except it were given thee from above; therefore, he that delivered Me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release Him; but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend; whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar.

When Pilate, therefore, heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment-seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour; and he said unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried, Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him! Pilate said unto them, Shall I crucify your king? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he was willing to content the people, and gave sentence that it should be as they required, and took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person; see ye to it. Then answered all the people and said, His blood be on us and on our children.

Then released he Barabbas unto them, that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to their will to be crucified.

Eighth Lesson.

And the soldiers took Jesus, and took off the purple robe from Him, and put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him. And He did bear His cross. And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, who passed by, coming out of the country, Simon by name, the father of Alexander and Rufus; him they compelled to bear His cross, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.

And there followed Him a great company of people and of women, which also bewailed and lamented Him. But Jesus, turning unto them, said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming in the which ye shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

And there were also two others, malefactors, led with Him to be put to death. And they bring Him unto the place which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. Then they gave Him vinegar (which is wine with myrrh) to drink, mingled with gall; and when He had tasted thereof, He would not drink.

And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and two thieves with Him, the one on His right hand and the other on His left, and Jesus in the midst. And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, And He was numbered with the transgressors. And it was the third hour as they crucified Him.

Ninth Lesson.

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

And Pilate wrote a title, the superscription of his accusation, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. This title then read many of the Jews; for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew and Greek and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews, but that He said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also His coat. Now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said, therefore, among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted My raiment among them, and for My vesture they did cast lots. And sitting down they watched Him there. These things, therefore, the soldiers did, and the people stood beholding.

Now, there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus, therefore, saw His mother and the disciple standing by whom He loved, He saith unto His mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith He to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

And they that passed by reviled Him, railed on Him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, Thou that destroyest the Temple, and buildest it in three days, save Thyself. If Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise the chief priests, mocking Him, said among themselves with the scribes and elders, He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be Christ, the King of Israel, the Chosen of God, let Him come down from the cross, that we may see and believe. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him; for He said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also which were crucified with Him cast the same in His teeth, and reviled Him. And the soldiers also mocked Him, coming to Him, and offering Him vinegar, and saying, If Thou be the king of the Jews, save Thyself.

And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on Him, saying, If Thou be Christ, save Thyself and us. But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily, I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with Me in paradise.

Tenth Lesson.

And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour, and the sun was darkened. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli,

Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar; and one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it upon an hyssop, a reed, and put it to His mouth, and gave Him to drink, saying with the rest, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come and take Him down.

When Jesus, therefore, had received the vinegar, He said, It is finished; and when He had cried with a loud voice, He said, Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit; and having said thus, He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost.

And, behold, the veil of the Temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after His resurrection, and went into the Holy City, and appeared unto many.

Now, when the centurion, which stood over against Him, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw that He so cried out, and gave up the ghost, and saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, and glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man and the Son of God. And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts and returned.

Eleventh Lesson.

And all His acquaintance, and the women that followed Him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things; among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary, the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, the mother of Zebedee's children, (who also, when He was in Galilee, followed Him, and ministered unto Him;) and many other women which came up with Him unto Jerusalem.

The Jews, therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day, (for that Sabbath day was a high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw

that He was dead already, they brake not His legs; but one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true; and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of Him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on Him whom they pierced.

Twelfth Lesson.

And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, a rich man of Arimathea, a city of the Jews, Joseph, a counselor, a good man and a just, (the same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them,) who also himself waited for the kingdom of God, and was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews: this man came and went in boldly unto Pilate, and besought him that he might take away the body of Jesus.

And Pilate marveled if He were already dead; and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether He had been any while dead. And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph, and commanded the body to be delivered. And Joseph bought fine linen. And there came also Nicodemus, (which at the first came to Jesus by night,) and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wrapped it in the clean linen cloth, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new sepulcher, Joseph's own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus, therefore, because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulcher was nigh at hand. And they rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulcher and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, the mother of Joses, sitting over against the sepulcher. And the women also which came with Him from Galilee followed after, and beheld the sepulcher, and how His body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment.

Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said while He was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command, therefore, that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night, and steal Him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch; go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulcher sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

Festivals of the Church.

I. IMMOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Chief Festivals.

Christmas, or the Nativity of our Lord	December 25
The Circumcision of Christ and New Year's Day	January 1
The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles	January 6
The Festival of the Reformation	October 31

Minor Festivals,

Observed in Some Parts of the Lutheran Church.

St. Andrew the Apostle's Day	November 30
St. Thomas the Apostle's Day	December 21
St. Stephen the Martyr's Day	December 26
St. John the Apostle's Day	December 27
The Conversion of St. Paul	January 25
The Presentation of Christ	February 2
St. Matthias the Apostle's Day	February 24
The Annunciation	March 25
St. Philip and St. James the Apostles' Day	May 1
The Birthday of St. John the Baptist	June 24
St. Peter and St. Paul the Apostles' Day	June 29
The Visitation	July 2
St. James the Elder, the Apostle's Day	July 25
St. Bartholomew the Apostle's Day	August 24
St. Matthew the Apostle's Day	September 21
St. Michael the Archangel's Day	September 29
St. Simon and St. Jude the Apostles' Day	October 28
All Saints' Day	November 1

II. MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Rules to Find the Movable Festivals.

The *Movable Festivals* all depend upon Easter except *Advent*.

Advent Sunday is always the nearest Sunday to the thirtieth day of *November*, whether before or after.

Easter is always the first *Sunday* after the Full Moon which happens upon or next after the beginning of spring; and if the Full Moon happen upon a *Sunday*, *Easter* is the *Sunday* after.

The time of *Easter* being found, the other *Festivals* occur as follows:

Septuagesima Sunday is nine weeks before *Easter*.

Ash Wednesday, or the beginning of *Lent*, is forty-six days before *Easter*.

Palm Sunday, or the beginning of *Holy Week*, is eight days before *Easter*.

Holy Thursday is the *Thursday* before *Easter*.

Good Friday is the *Friday* before *Easter*.

Ascension Day is forty days after *Easter*.

Whitsunday is seven weeks after *Easter*.

Trinity Sunday is eight weeks after *Easter*.

Table of the Days on which Easter will Fall from 1913—2000.

1913.	March 23	1931.	April 5	1949.	April 17	1967.	March 26	1985.	April 7
1914.	April 12	1932.	March 27	1950.	" 9	1968.	April 14	1986.	March 30
1915.	" 4	1933.	April 16	1951.	March 25	1969.	" 6	1987.	April 19
1916.	" 23	1934.	" 1	1952.	April 13	1970.	March 29	1988.	" 3
1917.	" 8	1935.	" 21	1953.	" 5	1971.	April 11	1989.	March 26
1918.	March 31	1936.	" 12	1954.	" 18	1972.	" 2	1990.	April 15
1919.	April 20	1937.	March 28	1955.	" 10	1973.	" 22	1991.	March 31
1920.	" 4	1938.	April 17	1956.	" 1	1974.	" 14	1992.	April 19
1921.	March 27	1939.	" 9	1957.	" 21	1975.	March 30	1993.	" 11
1922.	April 16	1940.	March 24	1958.	" 6	1976.	April 18	1994.	" 3
1923.	" 1	1941.	April 13	1959.	March 29	1977.	" 10	1995.	" 16
1924.	" 20	1942.	" 5	1960.	April 17	1978.	March 26	1996.	" 7
1925.	" 12	1943.	" 25	1961.	" 2	1979.	April 15	1997.	March 30
1926.	" 4	1944.	" 9	1962.	" 22	1980.	" 6	1998.	April 12
1927.	" 17	1945.	" 1	1963.	" 14	1981.	" 19	1999.	" 4
1928.	" 8	1946.	" 21	1964.	March 29	1982.	" 11	2000.	" 23
1929.	March 31	1947.	" 6	1965.	April 18	1983.	" 3		
1930.	April 20	1948.	March 28	1966.	" 10	1984.	" 22		

A Table of the Movable Festivals.

According to the several days that Easter can possibly fall upon.

Easter.	Sundays after Epiphany.*	Septuagesima Sunday.	Ash Wednesday.	Ascension-Day.	Whitsunday.	Sundays after Trinity.	First Advent Sunday.
March 22	1	Jan. 18	Feb. 4	April 30	May 10	27	Nov. 29
" 23	1	" 19	" 5	May 1	" 11	27	" 30
" 24	1	" 20	" 6	" 2	" 12	27	Dec. 1
" 25	2	" 21	" 7	" 3	" 13	27	" 2
" 26	2	" 22	" 8	" 4	" 14	27	" 3
" 27	2	" 23	" 9	" 5	" 15	26	Nov. 27
" 28	2	" 24	" 10	" 6	" 16	26	" 28
" 29	2	" 25	" 11	" 7	" 17	26	" 29
" 30	2	" 26	" 12	" 8	" 18	26	" 30
" 31	2	" 27	" 13	" 9	" 19	26	Dec. 1
April 1	3	" 28	" 14	" 10	" 20	26	" 2
" 2	3	" 29	" 15	" 11	" 21	26	" 3
" 3	3	" 30	" 16	" 12	" 22	25	Nov. 27
" 4	3	" 31	" 17	" 13	" 23	25	" 28
" 5	3	Feb. 1	" 18	" 14	" 24	25	" 29
" 6	3	" 2	" 19	" 15	" 25	25	" 30
" 7	3	" 3	" 20	" 16	" 26	25	Dec. 1
" 8	4	" 4	" 21	" 17	" 27	25	" 2
" 9	4	" 5	" 22	" 18	" 28	25	" 3
" 10	4	" 6	" 23	" 19	" 29	24	Nov. 27
" 11	4	" 7	" 24	" 20	" 30	24	" 28
" 12	4	" 8	" 25	" 21	" 31	24	" 29
" 13	4	" 9	" 26	" 22	June 1	24	" 30
" 14	4	" 10	" 27	" 23	" 2	24	Dec. 1
" 15	5	" 11	" 28	" 24	" 3	24	" 2
" 16	5	" 12	Mar. 1	" 25	" 4	24	" 3
" 17	5	" 13	" 2	" 26	" 5	23	Nov. 27
" 18	5	" 14	" 3	" 27	" 6	23	" 28
" 19	5	" 15	" 4	" 28	" 7	23	" 29
" 20	5	" 16	" 5	" 29	" 8	23	" 30
" 21	5	" 17	" 6	" 30	" 9	23	Dec. 1
" 22	6	" 18	" 7	" 31	" 10	23	" 2
" 23	6	" 19	" 8	June 1	" 11	23	" 3
" 24	6	" 20	" 9	" 2	" 12	22	Nov. 27
" 25	6	" 21	" 10	" 3	" 13	22	" 28

*In a Leap Year, the number of Sundays after Epiphany is the same as if Easter had fallen one day later than it really does; and Septuagesima Sunday and Ash-Wednesday fall one day later than that given in the Table, unless the Table gives some day in March for Ash-Wednesday; for in that case the day in the Table is right.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS OF THE CHURCH YEAR.			EPISTLES AND GOSPELS FOR THE SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS OF THE CHURCH YEAR.			PSALMS FOR SUNDAYS AND FESTIVALS.	
Old Testament.	Epistles.	Gospels.	Sundays and Chief Festivals	Epistles.	Gospels.	Matins.	Vespers.
Jer. xxxiii. 14-16	Colossians i. 12-23	Luke i. 1-25	*1 Sunday in Advent,*	Romans xiii. 11-14	Matthew xxi. 1-9	Ps. 1	Ps. 143
Micah – iv. 1-7	Romans ii. 1-16	Luke i. 26-35	*2 Sunday in Advent,*	Romans xv. 4-13	Luke xxi. 25-36	Ps. 42	Ps. 91
Malachi iii. 1-6	Romans i. 16-25	Luke i. 39-56	*3 Sunday in Advent,*	1 Cor. iv. 1-5	Matthew xi. 2-10	Ps. 4	Ps. 98
Isaiah xl. 1-8	Hebrews xii. 15-29	Luke i. 67-80	*4 Sunday in Advent,*	Philippians iv. 4-7	John i. 19-28	Ps. 5	Ps. 145
Isaiah vii. 10-14	Hebrews i. 1-12	John i. 1-14	*Christmas Day,*	Tit. ii. 11-14; Is. ix. 2-7	Luke ii. 1-14	Ps. 19, 45, 85	Ps. 89, 110, 132
Micah v. 2-4	1 John iv. 7-16	John i. 15-18	*2 Christmas Day,*	Tit. iii. 4-7	Luke ii. 15-20		
Isaiah xl. 1-5	Hebrews ii. 9-16	Luke ii. 22-32	*Sunday after Christmas,*	Galatians iv. 1-7	Luke ii. 33-40	Ps. 121	Ps. 111
Isaiah lxiii. 7-18	1 Peter i. 22-25	Luke xiii. 6-10	*New Year's Eve,*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Isaiah iv. 1-13	James iv. 13-17	Luke iv. 16-21	*Circumcision New Year,*	Galatians iii. 23-29	Luke ii. 21	Ps. 122, 72	Ps. 90, 115
Isaiah xlii. 1-9	Romans iii. 19-22	Matthew iii. 1-12	*Sunday after New Year,*	1 Peter iv. 12-19	Matthew ii. 13-23	.....	.....
Isaiah xlix. 1-7	Romans iii. 23-31	Matthew iii. 13-17	*Epiphany,*	Isaiah lx. 1-6	Matthew ii. 1-12	Ps. 96	Ps. 72
Isaiah lxi. 1-3	Ephesians vi. 1-4	Mark x. 13-16	*1 Sun. after Epiphany,*	Romans xii. 1-5	Luke ii. 41-52	Ps. 13	Ps. 86
Deut xviii. 15-19	Ephesians v. 21-33	Luke xix. 1-10	*2 Sun. after Epiphany,*	Romans xii. 6-16 *a*	John ii. 1-11	Ps. 14	Ps. 16
Jer. xxxiii. 6-9	Hebrews xi. 1-16	Luke xvii. 5-10	*3 Sun. after Epiphany,*	Romans xii. 16-21 *b*	Matthew viii. 1-13	Ps. 15	Ps. 33
Isaiah xliii. 1-3	Romans iv. 16-25	Matt xiv. 22-33	*4 Sun. after Epiphany,*	Romans xiii. 8-10	Matthew viii. 23-27	Ps. 2	Ps. 97
Jer. xvii. 5-10	1 Cor. iii. 3-23	Matt. xiii. 44-52	*5 Sun. after Epiphany,*	Colossians iii. 12-17	Matthew xiii. 24-30	Ps. 20	Ps. 86
Isaiah lxi. 10, 11	2 Cor. iv. 5-6	Matt. xi. 25-27	*6 Sun. after Epiphany,*	2 Peter i. 16-21	Matthew xvii. 1-9	Ps. 87	Ps. 8
Jeremiah i. 4-10	Acts xvii. 22-34	Matt. xxv. 14-30	*Septuagesima Sunday,*	1 Cor. ix. 24—x. 5	Matthew xx. 1-16	Ps. 23	Ps. 114
Isaiah lv. 10-13	2 Tim. iii. 10; iv. 5	Mark iv. 26-32	*Sexagesima Sunday,*	2 Cor. xi. 19—xii. 9	Luke viii. 4-15	Ps. 24	Ps. 25
Isaiah xxxv. 3-7	1 Peter iii. 18-22	John xii. 23-36	*Quinquagesima Sunday,*	1 Cor. xiii. 1-13	Luke xviii. 31-43	Ps. 26	Ps. 27
Jonah iii. 1-10; or Isaiah lix. 12-21	1 John i. 5-10	Luke vi. 20-49	*Ash Wednesday,*	Joel ii. 12-19	Matthew vi. 16-21	Ps. 6	Ps. 51
Genesis iii. 1-24	James i. 2-15	Luke xxii. 24-32	*1 S. in Lent, Invocavit,*	2 Cor. vi. 1-10	Matthew iv. 1-11	Ps. 32	Ps. 16
Isaiah xlv. 20-25	James v. 13-20	Mark ix. 17-29	*2 S. in Lent, Reminiscere,*	1 Thess. iv. 1-7	Matthew xv. 21-28	Ps. 130	Ps. 25
2 Samuel xxii. 1-7	Revelation ii. 1-7	John viii. 42-51	*3 S. in Lent, Oculi,*	Ephesians v. 1-9	Luke xi. 14-28	Ps. 43	Ps. 86
Isaiah xlix. 8-13	2 Peter i. 2-11	John vi. 36-51	*4 S. in Lent, Laetare,*	Galatians iv. 21-31	John vi. 1-15	Ps. 46	Ps. 139
Genesis xii. 1-3	1 Cor. i. 21-31	Matthew x. 32-42	*5 S. in Lent, Judica,*	Hebrews ix. 11-15	John viii. 46-59	Ps. 54	Ps. 27
Zechariah ix. 9, 10	Hebrews xii. 1-11	Mark xiv. 3-9	*6 S. in Lent, Palmarum,*	Philippians ii. 5-11	Matthew xxi. 1-9	Ps. 61	Ps. 67
.....	.....	.....	*Monday in Holy Week,*	Isaiah l. 5-10	John xii. 1-23	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	*Tuesday,*	Jeremiah xi. 18-20	John xii. 24-43	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	*Wednesday,*	Is. lxii. 11; lxiii. 1-7	Lk. xxii. 1—xxiii. 42	.....	.....
Exodus xii. 1-14	1 Cor. x. 16, 17	Luke xxii. 14-20	*Holy Thursday,*	1 Cor. xi. 23-32	John xiii. 1-15	Ps. 116	Ps. 70
Isaiah l. 6-9	Revelation v. 6-10	Matt. xxvii. 33-54	*Good Friday,*	Is. liii. 13—liii. 12	John xviii. 1—xix. 42	Ps. 22, 40, 54	Ps. 69, 88
Isaiah lii. 13-15	1 Peter i. 3-12	Matt. xxviii. 1-8	*Easter Sunday,*	1 Cor. v. 6-8	Mark xvi. 1-8	Ps. 2, 57, 111	Ps. 113, 114, 118
Hosea xiii. 14	1 Cor. xv. 12-20	John xx. 1-18	*Easter Monday,*	Acts x. 34-41	Luke xxiv. 13-35	Ps. 62	Ps. 30
			Sundays after Easter,				
Job xix. 25-27	1 Peter i. 17—ii: 3	John xxi. 15-19	*1 Quasimodogeniti,*	1 John v. 4-12	John xx. 19-31	Ps. 111	Ps. 4
Exe. xxxiv. 11-16	Heb. xiii. 20-21	John v. 22-30	*2 Misericordias,*	1 Peter ii. 21-25	John x. 11-16	Ps. 70	Ps. 23
Lam. iii. 18-26	Hebrews iv. 14-16	John xiv. 1-11	*3 Jubilate,*	1 Peter ii. 11-20	John xvi. 16-23 *c*	Ps. 75	Ps. 146
Isaiah xii. 1-6	2 Cor. v. 14-21	John viii. 21-36	*4 Cantate,*	James i. 16-21	John xvi. 5-15	Ps. 82	Ps. 126
Jer. xxix. 11-14	Romans viii. 24-28	John xvii. 1-19	*5 Rogate,*	James i. 22-27	John xvi. 23-30 *d*	Ps. 84	Ps. 124
Isaiah lvii. 15	Ephesians i. 3-14	Luke xxiv. 46-53	*Ascension Day,*	Acts i. 1-11	Mark xvi. 14-20	Ps. 8, 15, 21, 47	Ps. 24, 68, 148
Exe. xxxvi. 25-27	Romans viii. 29-39	John xvii. 20-26	*Sunday after Ascension,*	1 Peter iv. 7-11 *e*	John xv. 26—xvi. 4	Ps. 93.	Ps. 97
Joel ii. 28-32	Ephesians iv. 7-16	John xiv. 15-21	*Whitsunday,*	Acts ii. 1-13	John xiv. 23-31	Ps. 48, 68, 45	Ps. 104, 145
Isaiah xxxii. 14-20	Acts ii. 42-47	John iv. 5-26	*Whit-Monday,*	Acts x. 42-48 *f*	John iii. 16-21	Ps. 90	Ps. 19
Exe. xviii. 30-32	2 Cor. xiii. 14	Matt. xxviii. 18-20	*Trinity Sunday,*	Romans xi. 33-36	John iii. 1-15	Ps. 67, 8, 148	Ps. 115, 143
Jer. ix. 23, 24	1 Timothy vi. 6-19	Luke xii. 13-21	*1 Sunday after Trinity,*	1 John iv. 16-21 *g*	Luke xvi. 19-31	Ps. 119—1st part	Ps. 34

a End: "Men of low estate."
b Begin: "Be not wise in your own conceits."
c End: "ye shall ask me nothing."
d Begin: "Verily, verily, I say."
e Begin: "Be ye therefore sober."
f End: "In the name of the Lord."
g Begin: "God is love."

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Old Testament	Epistles.	Gospels.
Isaiah xiv. 6-9	Rev. iii. 14-22	Luke xiv. 25-35
Micah vii. 18-20	Acts ix. 1-18	Luke xv. 11-32
Isaiah lviii. 6-12	Romans xiv. 7-17	Matthew v. 43-48
Jer. xvi. 14-21	1 Peter ii. 4-10	Matt. xvi. 13-26
Exodus xx. 1-17	Ephesians ii. 4-10	Matt. xix. 16-30
Jer. xxxi. 23-25	Acts xiv. 8-23	Matthew x. 24-31
Jer. xv. 19-21	Acts xx. 17-38	Matt. vii. 22-29
1 Chr. xxix. 10-13	2 Timothy i. 3-14	Luke xii. 32-48
Jeremiah vii. 1-7	Hebrews iii. 7-15	Matthew xi. 16-24
2 Sam. xxii. 21-29	Romans x. 4-18	Luke vii. 36-50
Isaiah xxix. 18, 19	James iii. 1-12	Matt xii. 31-42
Lev. xviii. 1-5	1 Timothy i. 5-17	Matt. xx. 20-28
Jer. xvii. 13, 14	Acts iii. 1-10	John v. 1-15
Deut. vi. 4-7	Acts viii. 26-39	Luke x. 38-42
Deut. xxxii. 39, 40	1 Cor. xv. 21-28	John xi. 19-45
1 Samuel ii. 1-10	Jude 20-25	Mark ii. 18-28
Deut. x. 12-21	1 John iii. 1-8	John xv. 1-17
Isaiah xliv. 21-23	1 Cor. xii. 12-27	John i. 35-51
Isaiah lxv. 1, 2	Romans xi. 25-32	Matt. xxi. 28-44
Hosea xiii. 14	Rev. iii. 7-13	John iv. 31-42
Deut. vii. 9-11	Ephes. iv. 30-32	Matt. xviii. 1-20
Isaiah xxxii. 1-8	Romans xiii. 1-7	Mark xii. 41-44
Isaiah li. 9-16	2 Cor. v. 1-10	John v. 17-29
Isaiah xlix. 12-17	2 Peter iii. 3-15	Luke xvii. 20-33
Isaiah xl. 9-11	Hebrews iv. 9-13	Matthew xi. 25-30
Isaiah lxv. 17-19	Rev. xxi. 1-7	Matthew v. 13-16
Deut. xxvi. 1-11, or Malachi iii. 10-12	Acts xiv. 15, 16, or James i. 17-18	Matt. vi. 24-34 or Luke xii. 13-21
2 Chr. xxix. 12-19	Galatians ii. 16-21	John ii. 13-17
Lam. iii. 22-25	Galatians vi. 7-10	Luke xvii. 11-19
Daniel ix. 3-19	Hebrews x. 1-31	Matthew iii. 1-12
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TABLE OF EPISTLES AND GOSPELS—*Continued.*

Sundays and Chief Festivals.	Epistles.	Gospels.
2 Sunday after Trinity,	1 John iii. 13-18	Luke xiv. 16-24
3 Sunday after Trinity,	1 Peter v. 6-11	Luke xv. 1-10
4 Sunday after Trinity,	Romans viii. 18-23	Luke vi. 36-42
5 Sunday after Trinity,	1 Peter iii. 8-15 *h*	Luke v. 1-11
6 Sunday after Trinity,	Romans vi. 3-11	Matthew v. 20-26
7 Sunday after Trinity,	Romans vi. 19-23	Mark viii. 1-9
8 Sunday after Trinity,	Romans viii. 12-17	Matthew vii. 15-23
9 Sunday after Trinity,	1 Cor. x. 6-13	Luke xvi. 1-9
10 Sunday after Trinity,	1 Cor. xii. 1-11	Luke xix. 41-48
11 Sunday after Trinity,	1 Cor. xv. 1-10	Luke xviii. 9-14
12 Sunday after Trinity,	2 Cor. iii. 4-11	Mark vii. 31-37
13 Sunday after Trinity,	Galatians iii. 15-22	Luke x. 23-37
14 Sunday after Trinity,	Galatians v. 16-24	Luke xvii. 11-19
15 Sunday after Trinity,	Gal. v. 25—vi. 10	Matthew vi. 24-34
16 Sunday after Trinity,	Ephesians iii. 13-21	Luke vii. 11-17
17 Sunday after Trinity,	Ephesians iv. 1-6	Luke xiv. 1-11
18 Sunday after Trinity,	1 Cor. i. 4-9	Matt. xxii. 34-46
19 Sunday after Trinity,	Ephesians iv. 22-28	Matthew ix. 1-8
20 Sunday after Trinity,	Ephesians v. 15-21	Matthew xxii. 1-14
21 Sunday after Trinity,	Ephesians vi. 10-17	John iv. 46-54 *i*
22 Sunday after Trinity,	Philippians i. 3-11	Matt. xviii. 23-35
23 Sunday after Trinity,	Phil. iii. 17-21	Matt. xxii. 15-22
24 Sunday after Trinity,	Colossians i. 9-14	Matt. ix. 18-26
25 Sunday after Trinity,	1 Thess. iv. 13-18	Matt. xxiv. 15-28
26 Sunday after Trinity,	2 Peter iii. 3-14, or 2 Thess. i. 3-10	Matt xxv. 31-46
27 Sunday after Trinity,	1 Thess. v. 1-11	Matt. xxv. 1-13
Harvest,	.....	.....
Reformation,	Galatians ii. 16-21 Revelation xiv. 6-7	John ii. 13-17
Thanksgiving,	.....	.....
Humiliation,	.....	.....
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Ps. 119—6th "	Ps. 114
Ps. 119—7th "	Ps. 125
Ps. 119—8th "	Ps. 126
Ps. 119—9th "	Ps. 139
Ps. 119—10th "	Ps. 143
Ps. 119—11th "	Ps. 147
Ps. 119—12th "	Ps. 104
Ps. 119—13th "	Ps. 84
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Ps. 119—16th "	Ps. 36
Ps. 119—17th "	Ps. 56
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Ps. 119—20th "	Ps. 57
Ps. 119—21st "	Ps. 31—1st part
Ps. 119—22d "	Ps. 31—2d "
Ps. 124	Ps. 31—3d "
Ps. 125	Ps. 18—1st "
Ps. 116	Ps. 18—2d "
Ps. 111	Ps. 18—3d "
Ps. 103	Ps. 27, 97
Ps. 65, 100	Ps. 67
Ps. 126, 48	Ps. 138, 87
Ps. 136, 104	Ps. 92
Ps. 6	Ps. 32
Ps. 70, 138, 143, 148	Ps. 113, 115, 117, 145
Ps. 8, 19	Ps. 24, 34

h End: "sanctify the Lord God in your hearts." *i* Begin: "And there was a certain nobleman."

APOSTLES' DAYS AND OTHER MINOR FESTIVALS.

Minor Festival Days.	Epistles.	Gospels.
St. Andrew the Apostle,	Romans x. 10-18	Matthew iv. 18-22
St. Thomas the Apostle,	Ephesians i. 3-6	John xx. 24-31
St. Stephen the Martyr,	Acts vi. 8—vii. 60	Matt. xxiii. 34-39
St. John the Apostle,	1 John i. 1-10	John xxi. 19-24
The Conversion of St. Paul,	Acts ix. 1-22	Matt. xix. 27-30
The Presentation of Christ,	Malachi iii. 1-4	Luke ii. 22-32
St. Matthias the Apostle,	Acts i. 15-26	Matthew xi. 25-30
The Annunciation,	Isaiah vii. 10-16	Luke i. 26-38
St. Philip and St. James, Apostles,	Ephesians ii. 19-22	John xiv. 1-14
St. John the Baptist,	Isaiah xl. 1-5	Luke i. 57-80
St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles,	Acts xii. 1-11	Matthew xvi. 13-20
The Visitation,	Isaiah xi. 1-5	Luke i. 39-56
St. James the Elder, Apostle,	Romans viii. 28-39	Matthew xx. 20-23
St. Bartholomew the Apostle,	2 Cor. iv. 7-10	Luke xxii. 24-30
St. Matthew the Apostle,	Ephesians iv. 7-14	Matthew ix. 9-13
St. Michael the Archangel,	Revelation xii. 7-12	Matthew xviii. 1-11
St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles,	1 Peter i. 3-9	John xv. 17-27
All Saints Day,	Revelation vii. 2-17	Matthew v. 1-12

Music for the Liturgy.

In conformity with the

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of the

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Introductory Remarks.

The singing, or rather the chanting, of parts of the liturgy in Lutheran Churches is by no means a *modern innovation.* Chanting was part of the public and private forms of worship even in the Old Testament, and the chants of the early Church of the New Testament are undoubtedly adaptations of traditional Old Testament forms. In the third century of the Christian era Ambrose fixed, by episcopal authority, certain tunes (tones) of melodies for the liturgy; his work was much expanded and amplified by Pope Gregory in the second half of the sixth century. Indeed, Gregory's arrangement of the liturgy is up to the present day essentially the form of the Roman Catholic services, and the foundation from which the Lutheran as well as the Episcopalian liturgy have been developed.

Luther, when he emancipated himself and the Church from the thraldom of papacy, had no intention of abandoning the dignified and beautiful church services. On the contrary, he borrowed not only the general motifs of the Gregorian services, but actually the whole services, omitting and modifying only what in the course of centuries had come to assume a sacrificial rather than a service-character. Luther even called his service a Christian mass, and took keen personal interest in all its musical details.

In the course of years the early service-forms of the Reformation underwent many changes, some of which were caused by local influences, while others were due to the personal taste of individuals sufficiently prominent to impress upon the Church their preference for a time, often for a long time. Conferences and synods, both here and abroad, have made frequent attempts to regulate the liturgical forms by resolution; after all, however, not resolutions, but popular consent establishes usage.

The old Gregorian chants in vogue in the Roman Catholic Church at the time of Luther, and in almost unchanged vogue in the Roman Catholic Church of to-day, were designed for a Latin text. Besides, they reflected the tastes of the times, and that taste of the times delighted in slurs. The twentieth century does not delight in slurs. Slurs, such as Haendel could write with impunity in his marvelous choral fugues, Mendelssohn, a century later, used very sparingly, and present-day composers will use them only as an oddity. A well-trained singer may sing such slurred syllables with fairly pleasing effect, but an untrained singer cannot chant them before the altar without annoyance to the worshipers. Why force the German or, in the present case, the English language to

slur syllables when the melody of the chant is perfectly adaptable to the text without introducing slurs? Why mar what need not be marred?

Most Lutheran pastors have realized these uncomfortable features of the liturgical slurs and have abolished them, and many congregations have rejected the entire chanted form of the liturgy, to which they probably would have become reconciled but for the unmusical slurs. The American Lutheran Church, especially the Missouri Synod, has in this respect departed from the forms laid down by its own great liturgical writer in this country, F. Lochner. In the Lutheran Hymn Book and in the present revision of the MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY practically all slurs have therefore been eliminated, not so much as offering something new, but rather as reflecting present usage.

The adaptation to English texts of the old Lutheran liturgical forms that were written for a German text has produced not a few instances of incongruity between the spoken accent and the musical accent. Whenever the monotone of the ministers' chant at the end of a phrase changes to a musical figure in diatonic or chromatic intervals, a musical stress or accent results. Now, unless this musical accent coincides with the spoken accent, the disagreement between the music and the text is undignified, to say the least; in some cases the contradiction between the words sung and the manner in which they are sung, tends to destroy the entire solemnity of the chant. Such misplaced figures as escaped the attention of previous editors of the Common Service have been corrected in this edition.

The *Music for the Common Service* published in 1907 by the American Lutheran Publication Board under authority of the then English Missouri Synod, and the Lutheran Hymn Book begun by the same publishers and the same Synod, but completed by the present publishers, — the English Missouri Synod having become the English District of the parent body, — are the two books upon which this revision is based. The Hymn Book, being more modern (first published in 1911) and much more widely in use, was given preference in all cases of disagreement between the two.

A few suggestions as to the use of the book may not be amiss.

The minister should take the chanting of the liturgy quite seriously. Chanting, as the old liturgists defined it, was *choraliter legere, i. e.*, reading in a singing tone. It is neither drawling on the one hand nor, on the other, jumbling a string of monotone syllables in great haste to reach the next figure. The text is more important than the chant, the *legere* more important than the *choraliter*. But just as a faithful preacher will not only prepare his sermon with due regard to literary form, but also aim to deliver it in the best manner

of elocution at his command, so will the liturgist be mindful not only of the words, but also of the musicalness of his chants. The minister's work, all of it, is too consequential to permit carelessness in any detail. For instance, it is quite important that the minister rehearse any chant with which he is not familiar before attempting it in public service. This applies particularly to the collects, the musical setting of all of which could not be printed without unduly increasing the cost of the book.

The congregation's or choir's part of the liturgical services is largely under the control of the organist, who should fully realize the responsibility resting on his shoulders. If the chanting be too slow, the congregation will lose interest, and participation will soon diminish. On the other hand, if the chants are sung entirely too rapidly, especially without a breathing space between phrases or sentences, the solemnity of the service is materially impaired. The organist should also bear in mind that he is to accompany the chants, not chant them on the organ; he *must not beat out the single syllables,* neither in full chords nor in staccato notes in treble or pedal. The accompaniment is a strict sostenuto of the proper chord until the time for the next chord comes. This applies with double force when the organist accompanies the minister in his solo portions of the service, for instance, the communion service. When accompanying the pastor, the organist should remember that he is not expected to lead the singing, as he must to some extent when accompanying choir or congregation, but that the minister is in every sense of the word the soloist, and is entitled to all the courtesy regularly shown soloists by accompanists.

The older school of organists has been taught to accompany the pastor upon the manual only. This may have been good advice when organs were not provided in the pedals with a stop sufficiently soft to prevent undue prominence of the pedal notes. But there is hardly a modern organ on which, at least with the manual coupled to the pedal, the desired softness and vagueness of the pedal cannot be secured. To accompany without any pedal notes most pastors and congregations will realize as a thin, incomplete background to the pastor's chant. The organist, more than any one person, more even than the pastor, can by injudicious use of his instrument spoil the liturgical part of the service, and the organist should therefore take his part of the service with the full degree of seriousness it merits, by no means forgetting that he is not a soloist during the service, but accompanist. His turn for solo performance comes in the postlude, and not sooner, unless the order of service locally provides for an organ number during the lifting of the collection.

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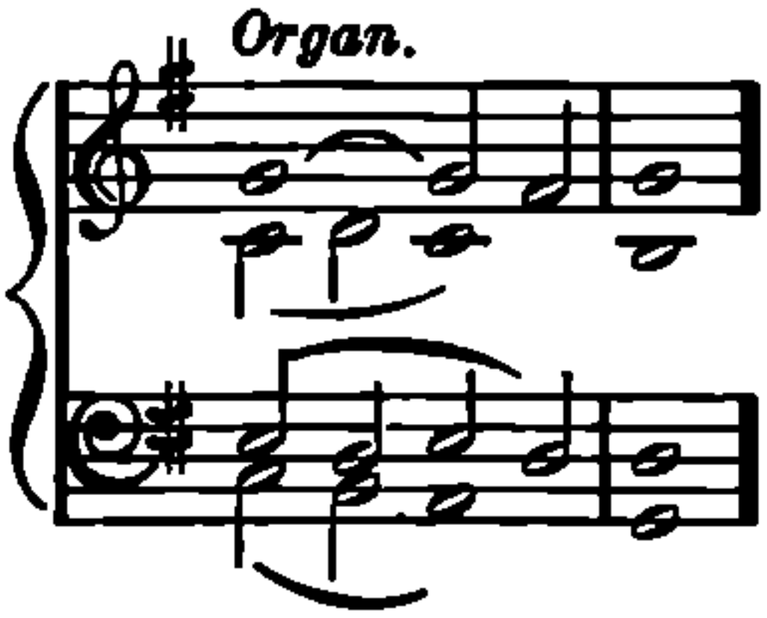
The Order of Morning Service, with Communion.

Opening of the Service.

A hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost may be sung.

Organ.



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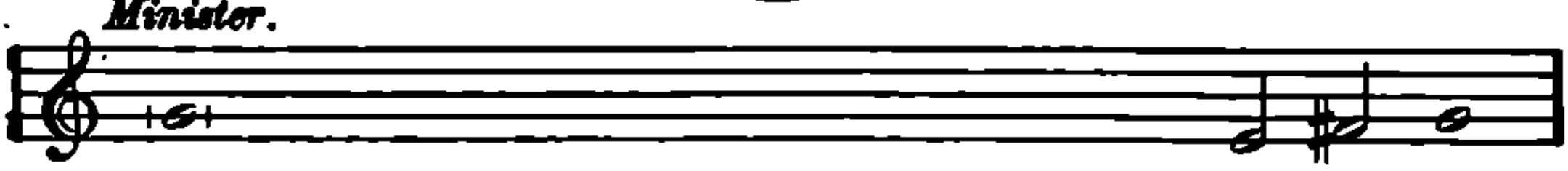
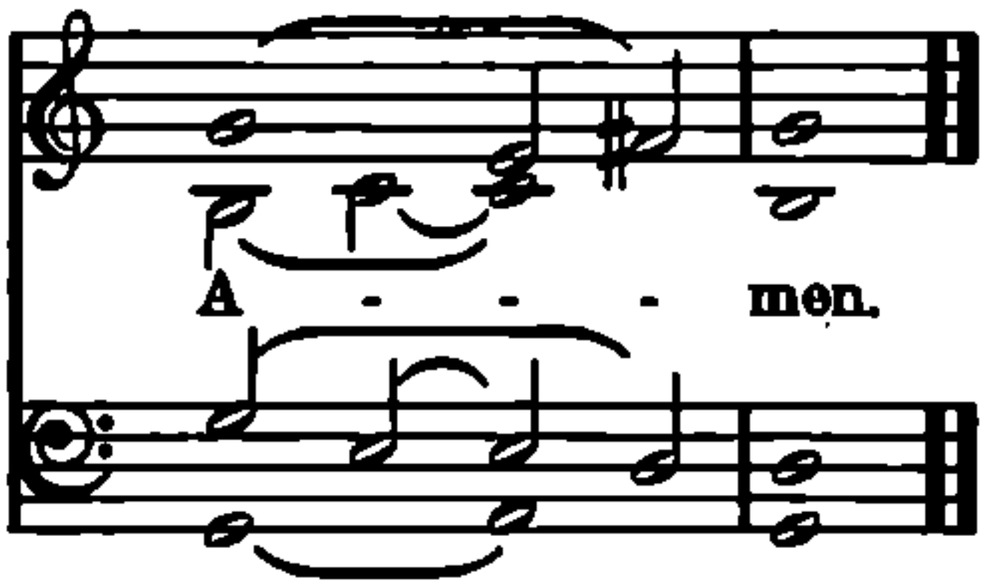
Minister.



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Ho - ly Ghost.

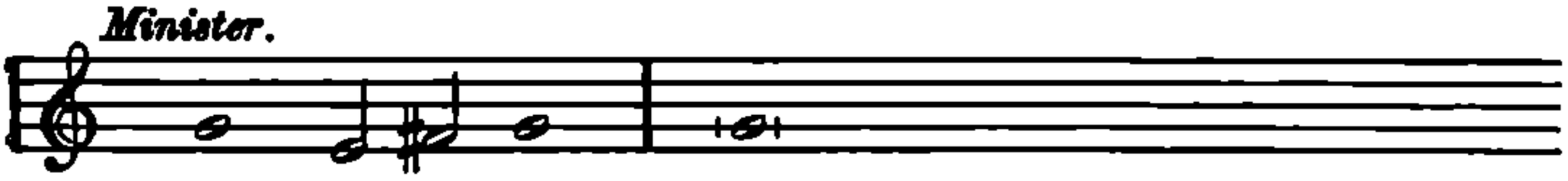
Congregation.



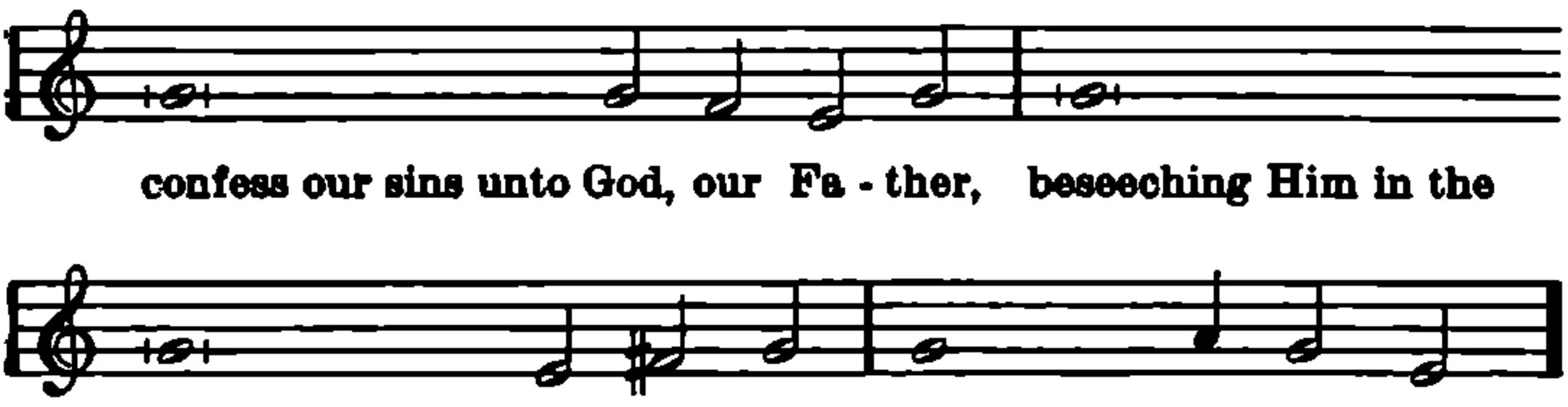
Then shall be chanted or said, as here followeth:

The Confession of Sins.

Minister.



Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart, and

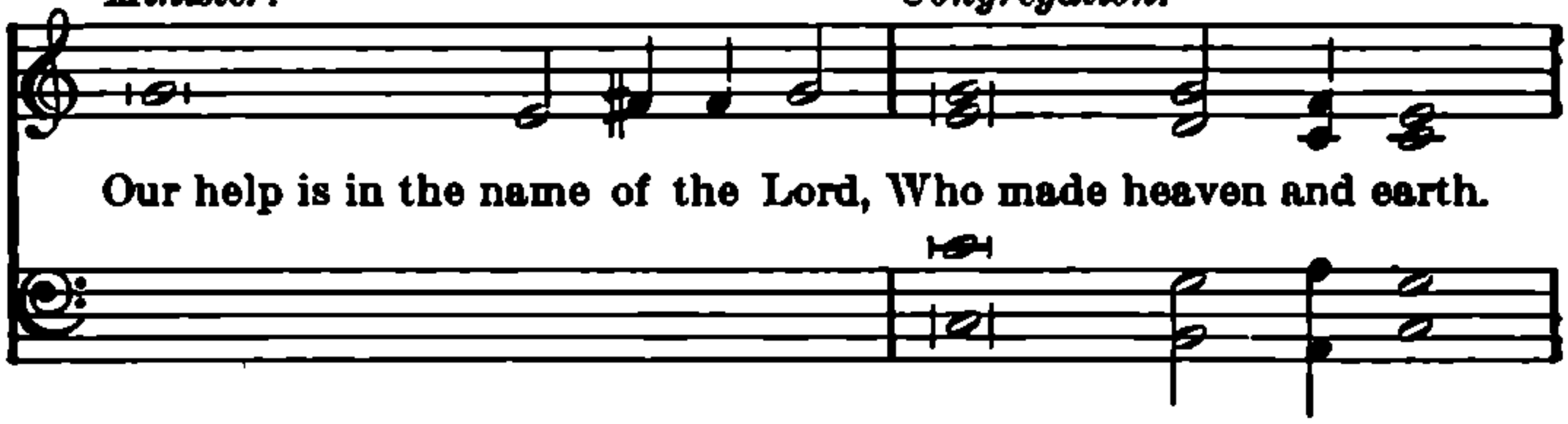


confess our sins unto God, our Fa - ther, beseeching Him in the

name of our Lord Je - sus Christ to grant us for - give - ness.

Then, all kneeling or standing, shall be chanted or said:

Minister. *Congregation.*



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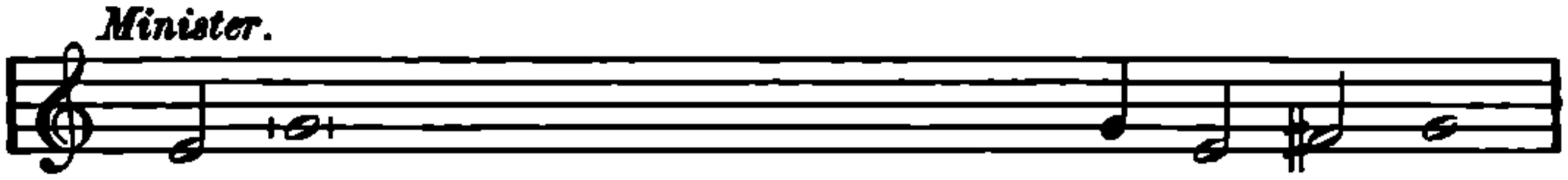

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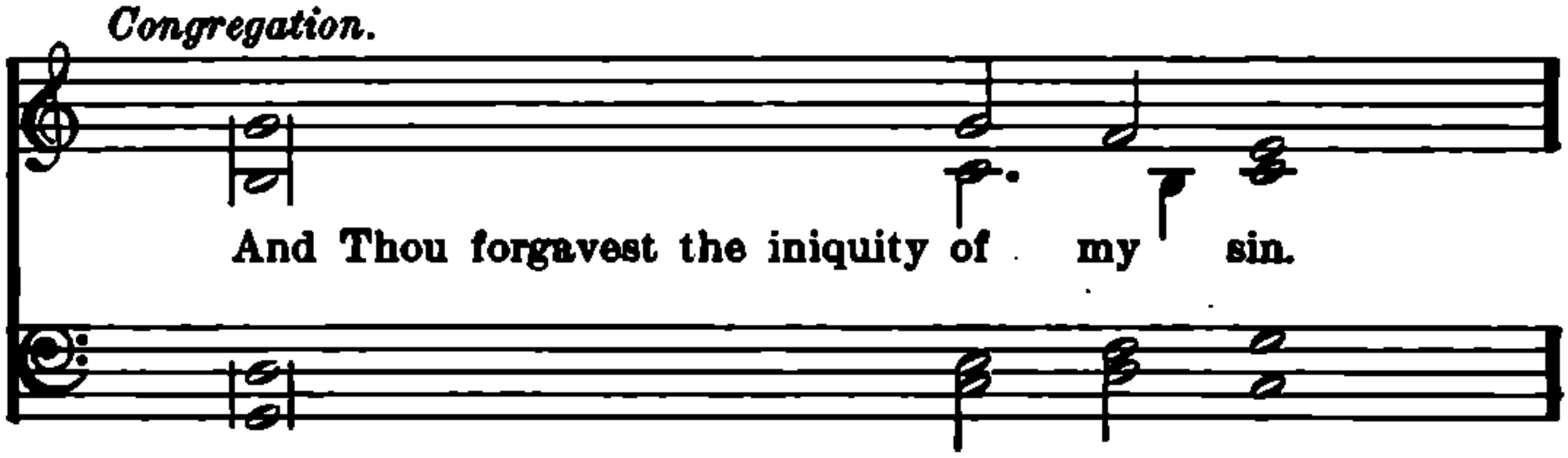

Then the Minister shall chant or say:

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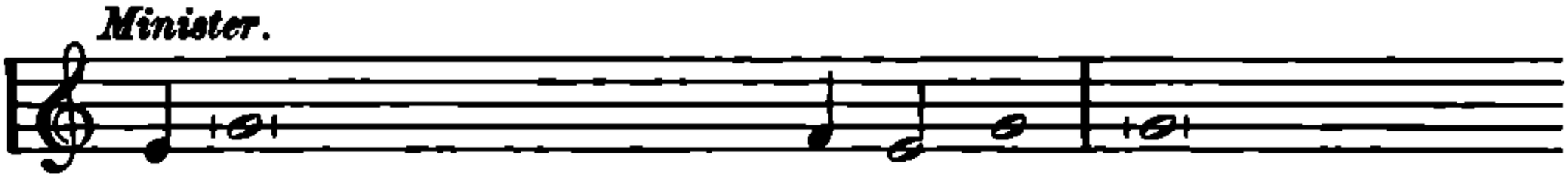
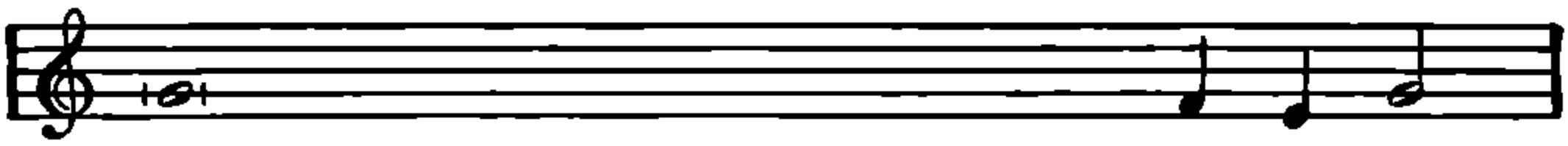
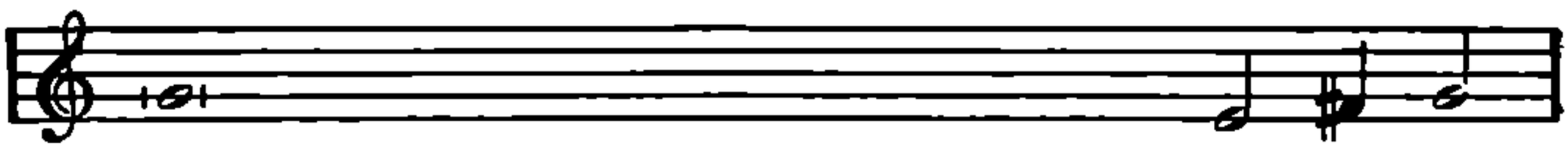
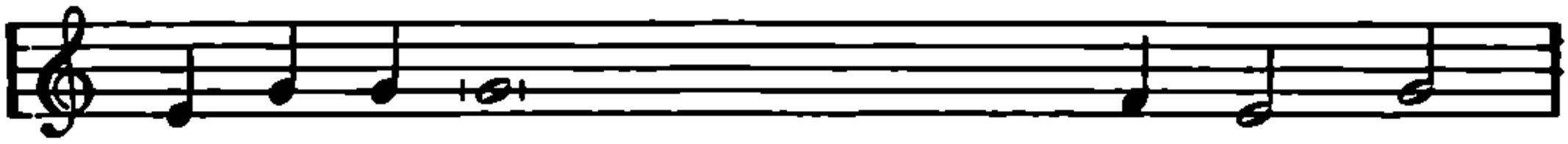
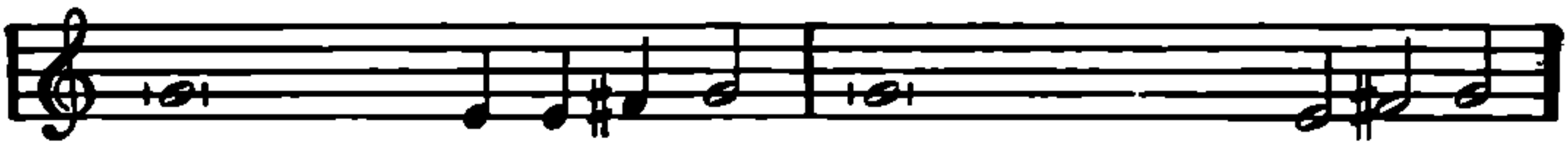




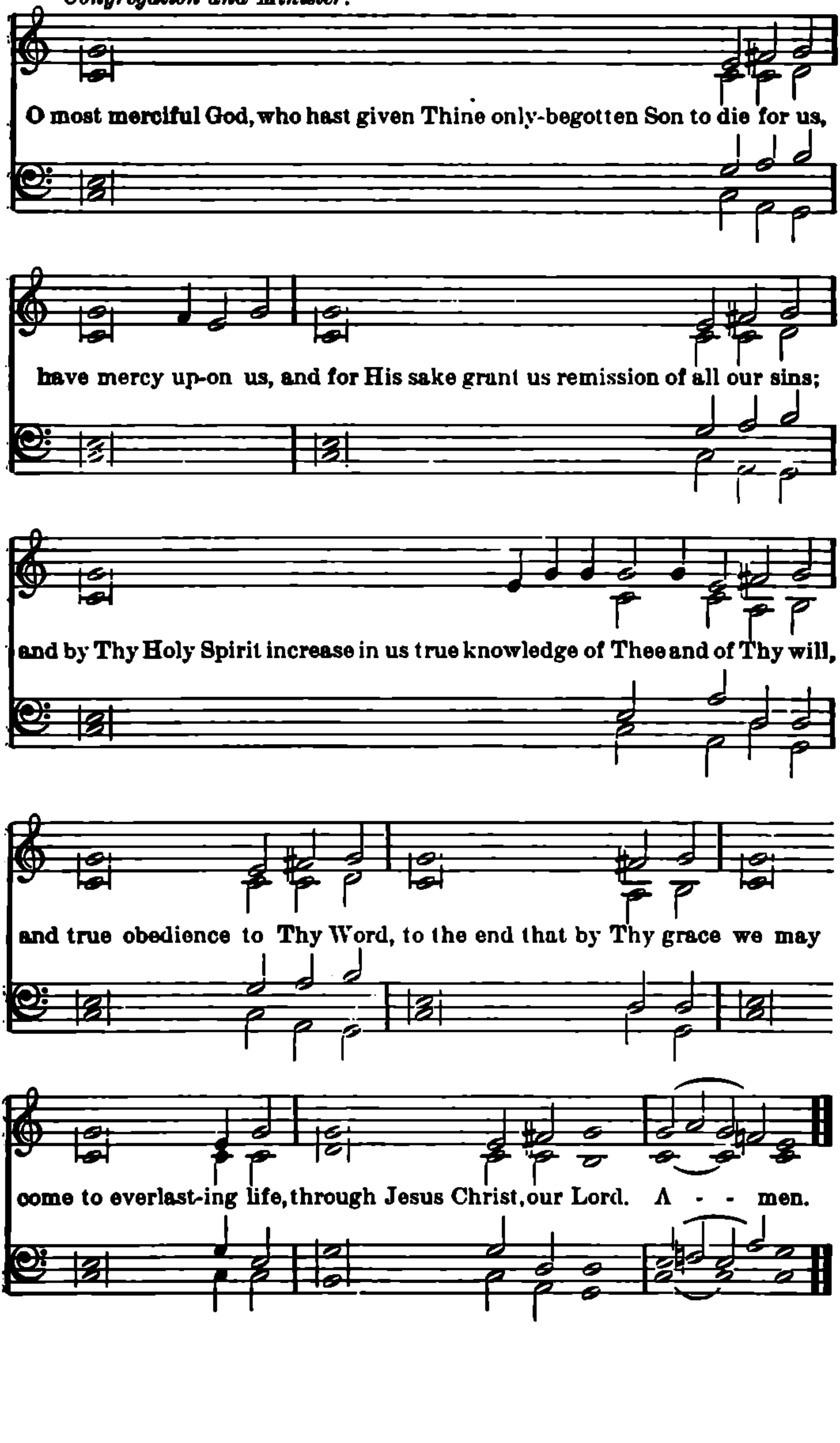






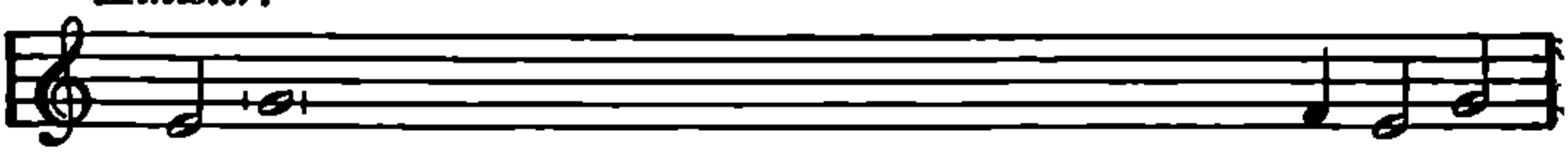
The Congregation shall say or chant with the Minister:

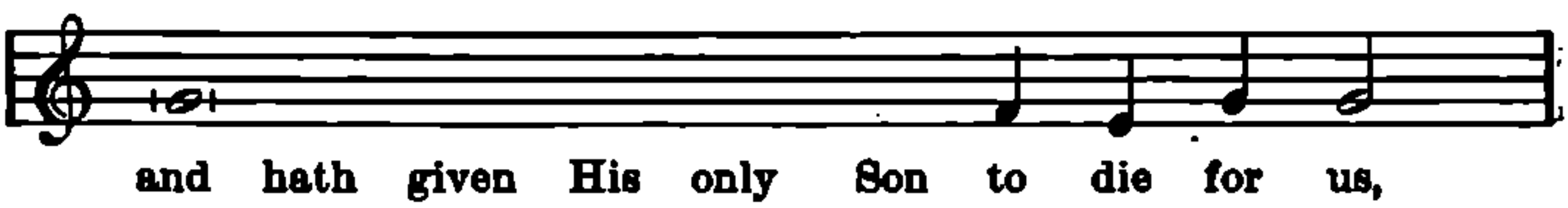
Congregation and Minister.

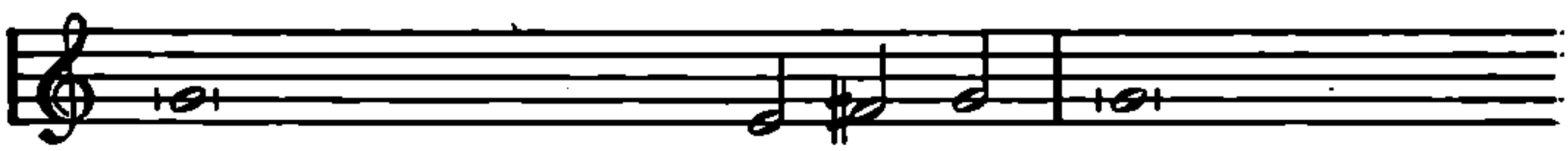


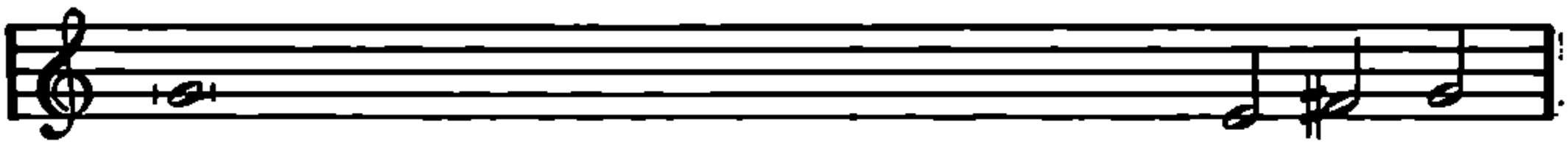
Then the Minister, standing, shall chant or say:

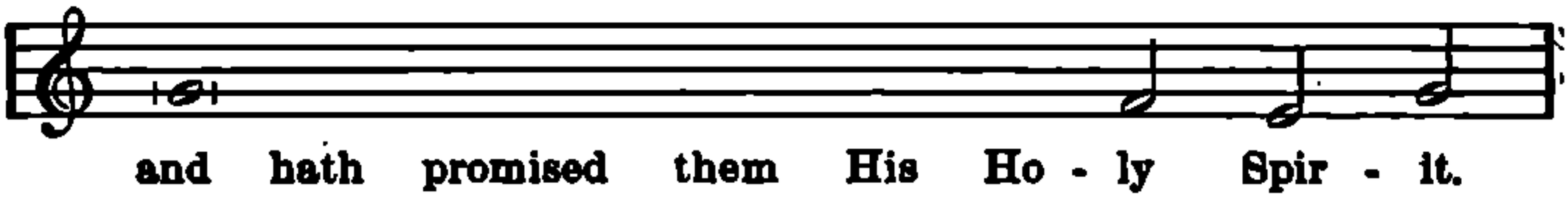
Minister.

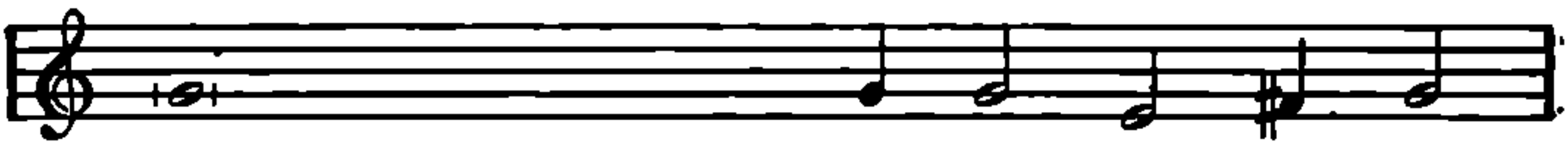


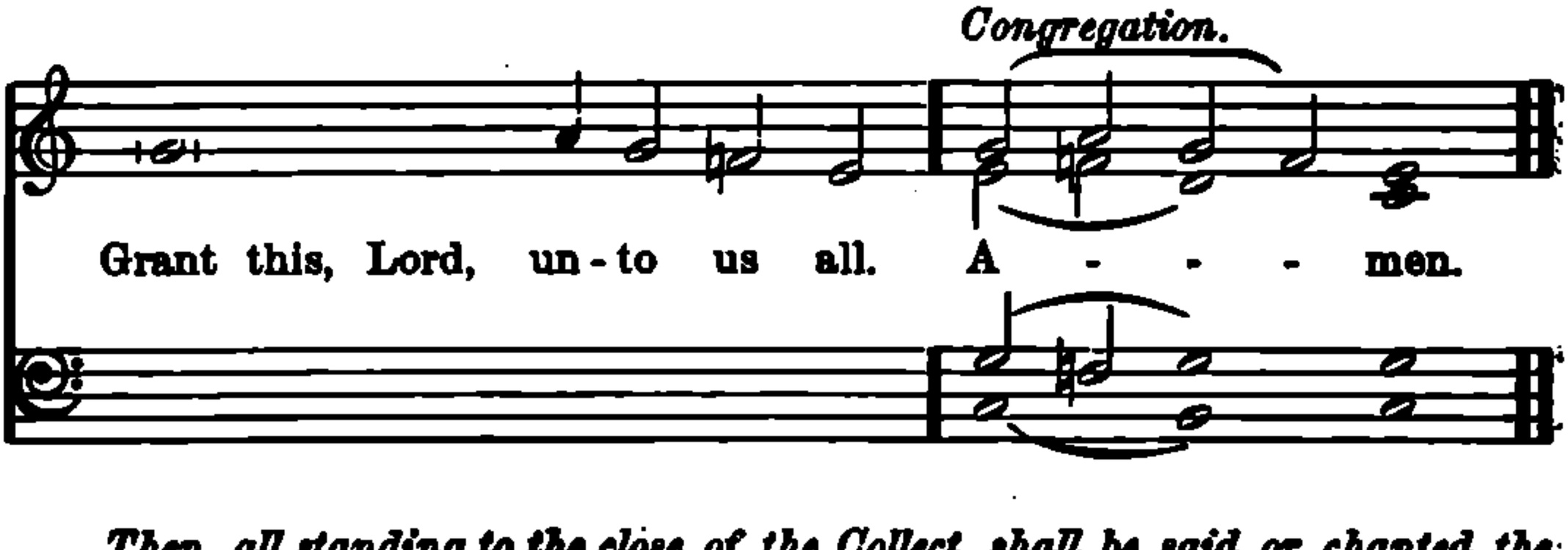












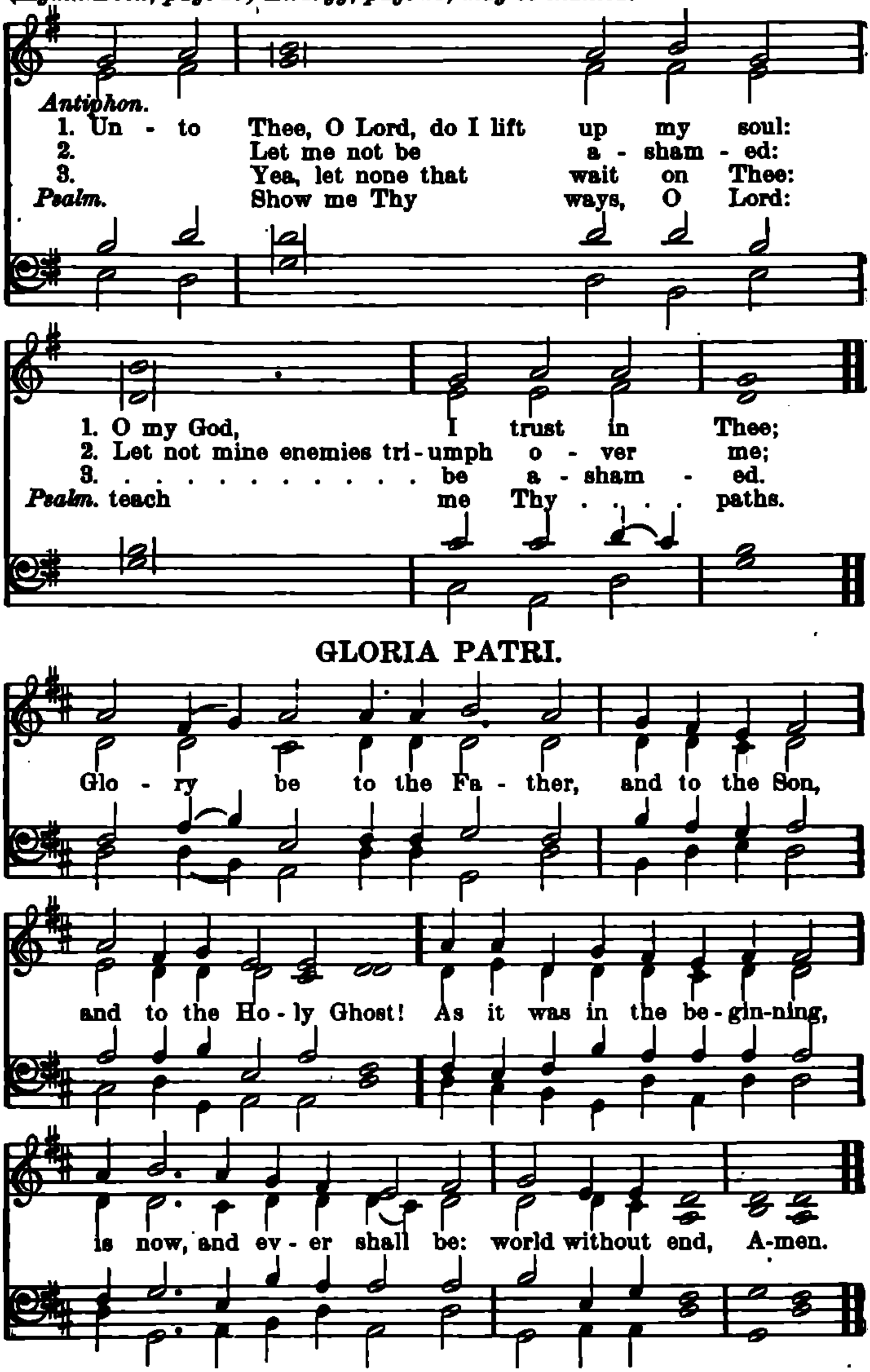
Then, all standing to the close of the Collect, shall be said or chanted the INTROIT *for the day.*

The Introit.

The INTROIT *with the* GLORIA PATRI *may be chanted by the Choir; or the* INTROIT *may be said or chanted by the Minister, and the* GLORIA PATRI *chanted or said by the Congregation. Instead of the* INTROIT *a Psalm or a Hymn may be used.*

INTROIT FOR FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

According to this same tune, Tone VI, the Introit for other Sundays (Hymn Book, page 25; Liturgy, page 28) may be chanted.



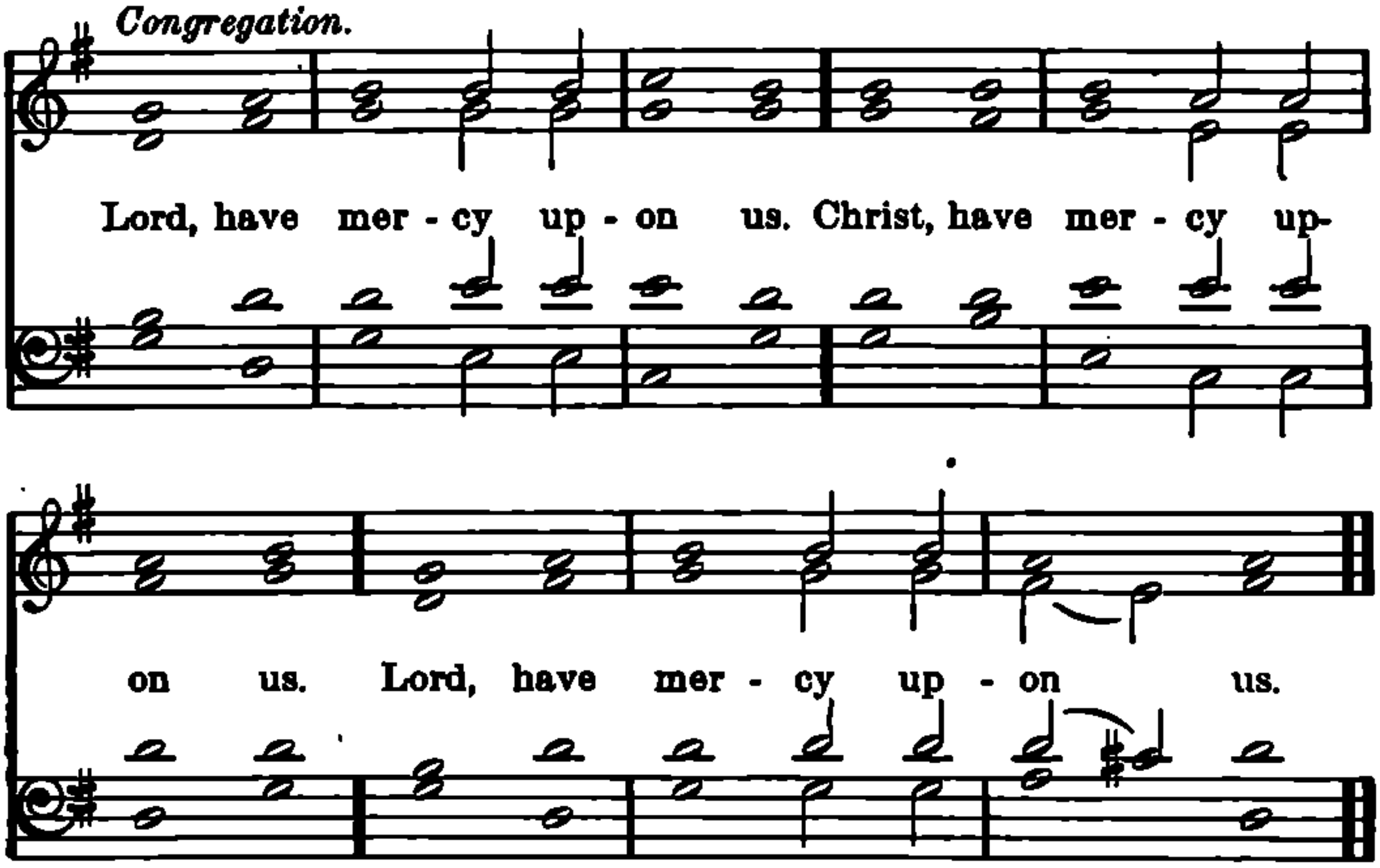
GLORIA PATRI.

Then shall follow the

Kyrie.

The KYRIE *may be chanted or said by the Minister and Congregation, or each petition may be said or chanted by the Minister and chanted or said by the Congregation in response.*

Congregation.

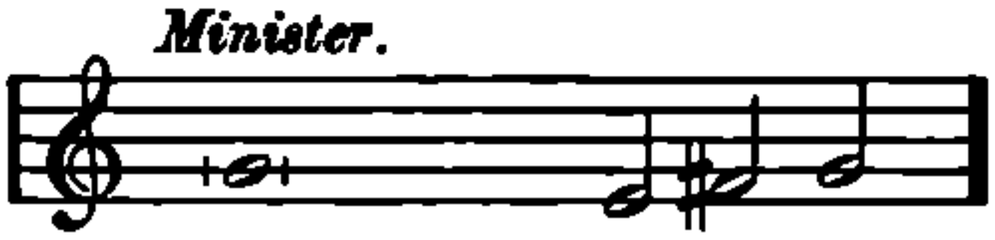


Then shall be chanted the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *as here followeth. Instead of the* GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, *another Canticle or Hymn of Praise may be sung, except on Festival days, and when there is a Communion.*

Gloria in Excelsis.

The Minister shall chant or say:

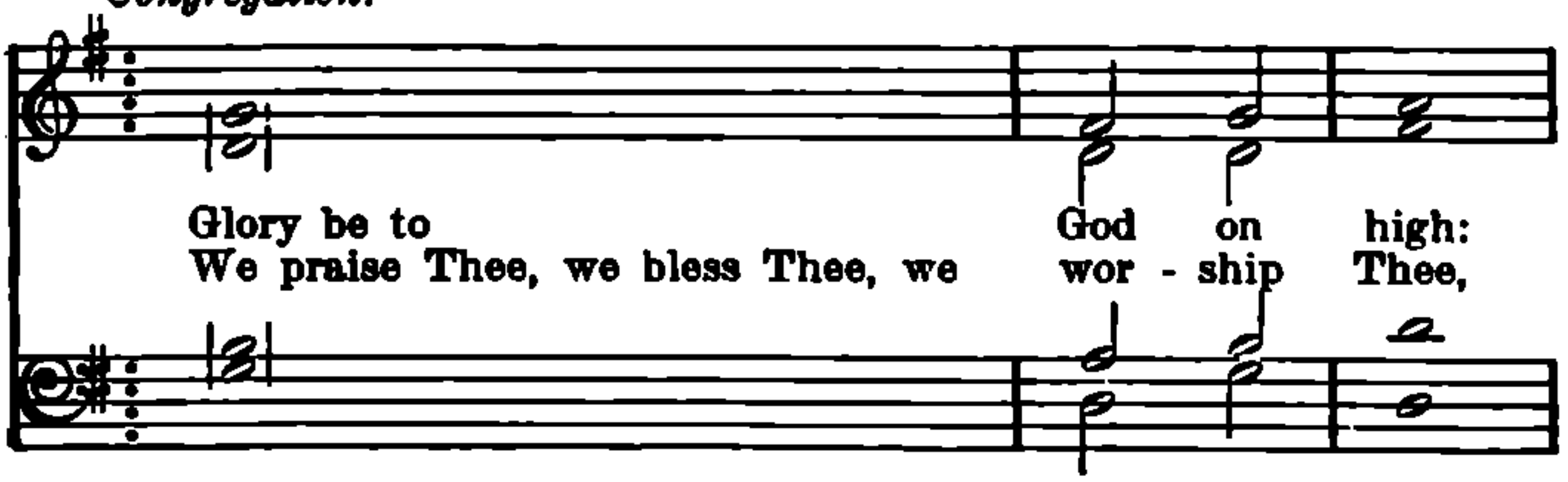
Minister.

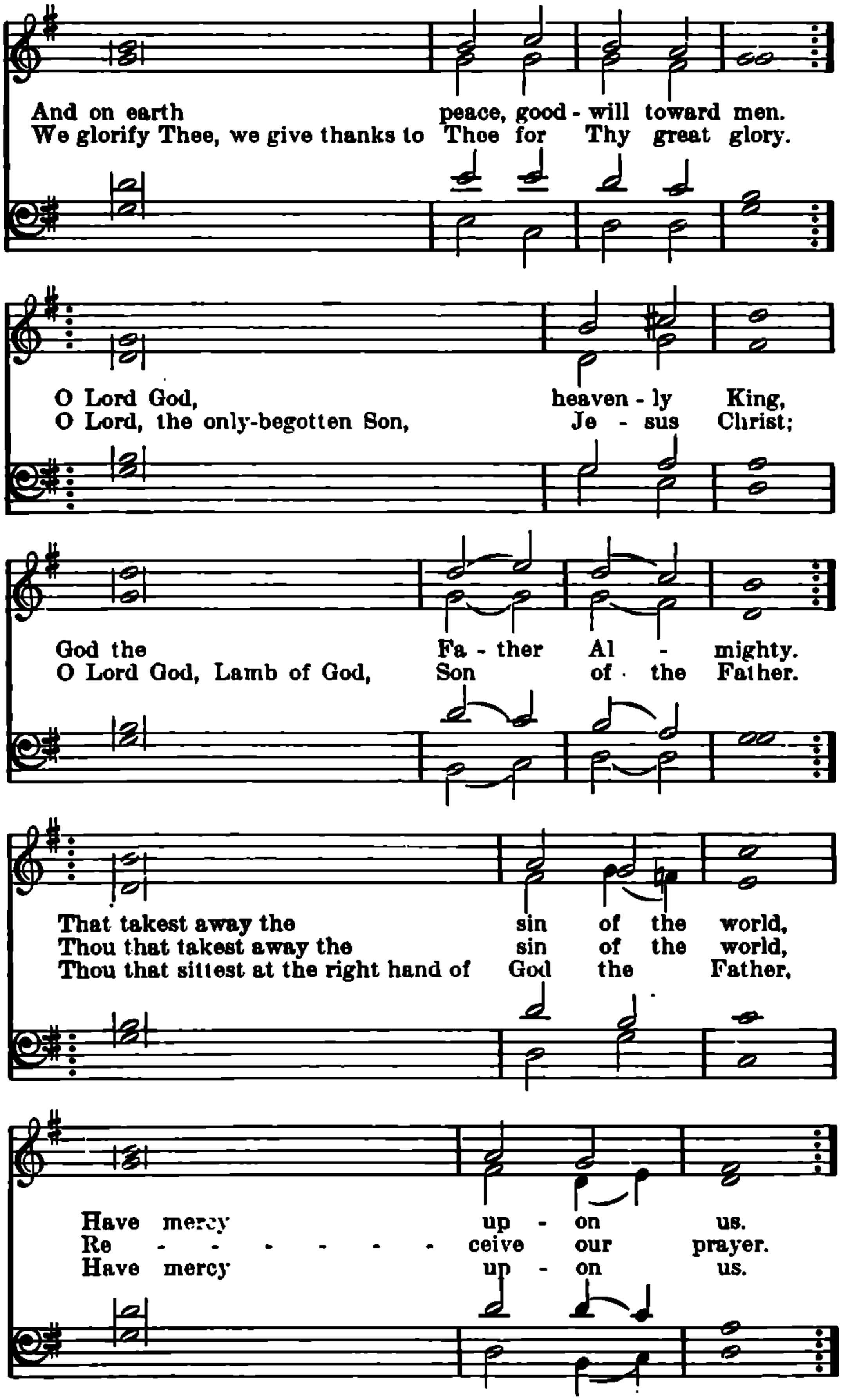


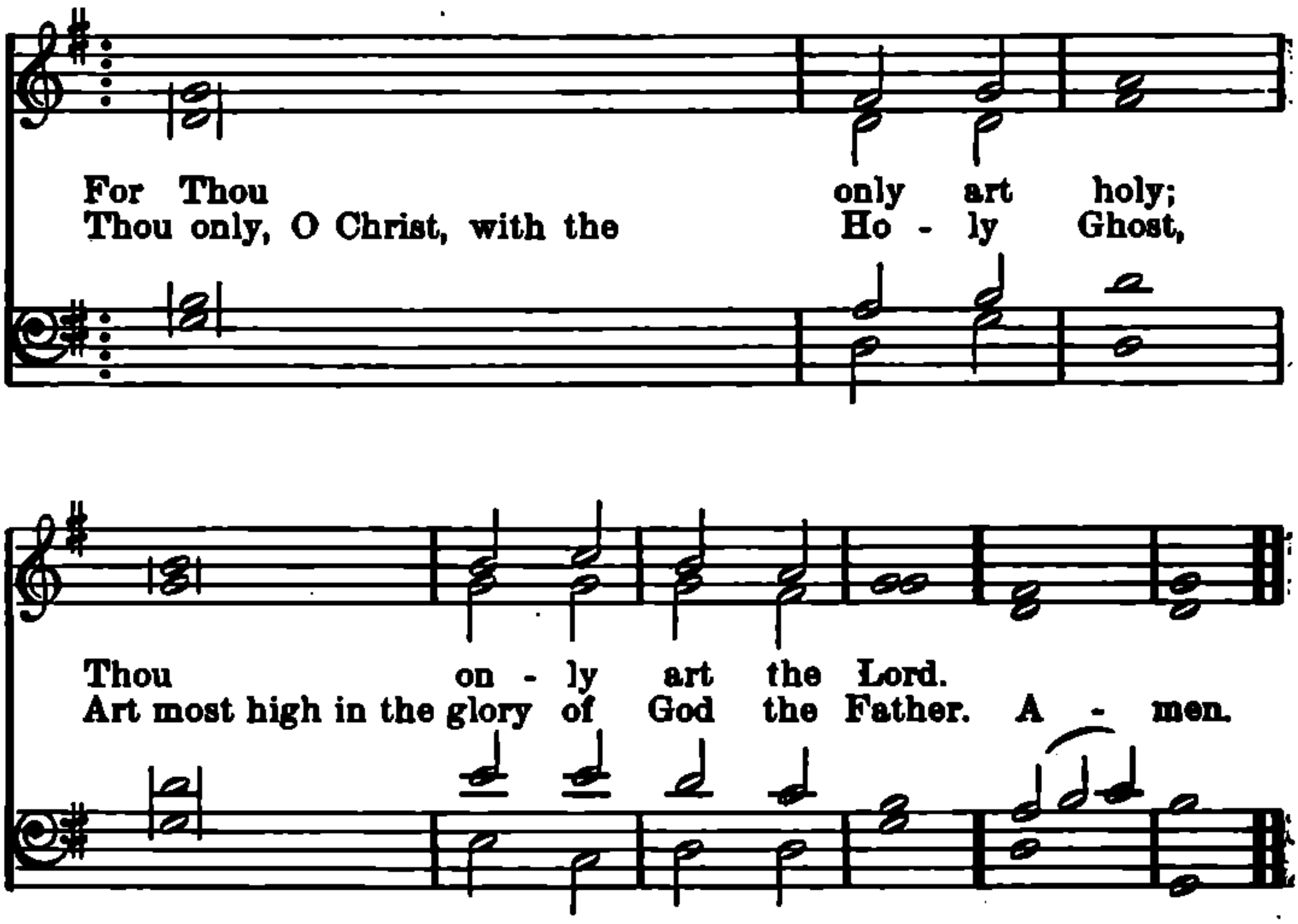
Glory be to God on high.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

Congregation.

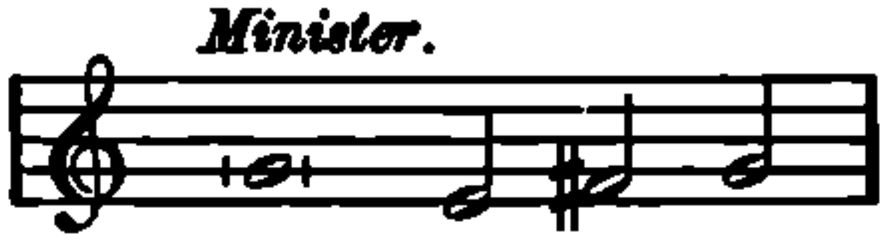



And on earth peace, good - will toward men.
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heaven - ly King,
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
That takest away the sin of the world,
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
Have mercy up - on us.
Re - - - - - - ceive our prayer.
Have mercy up - on us.



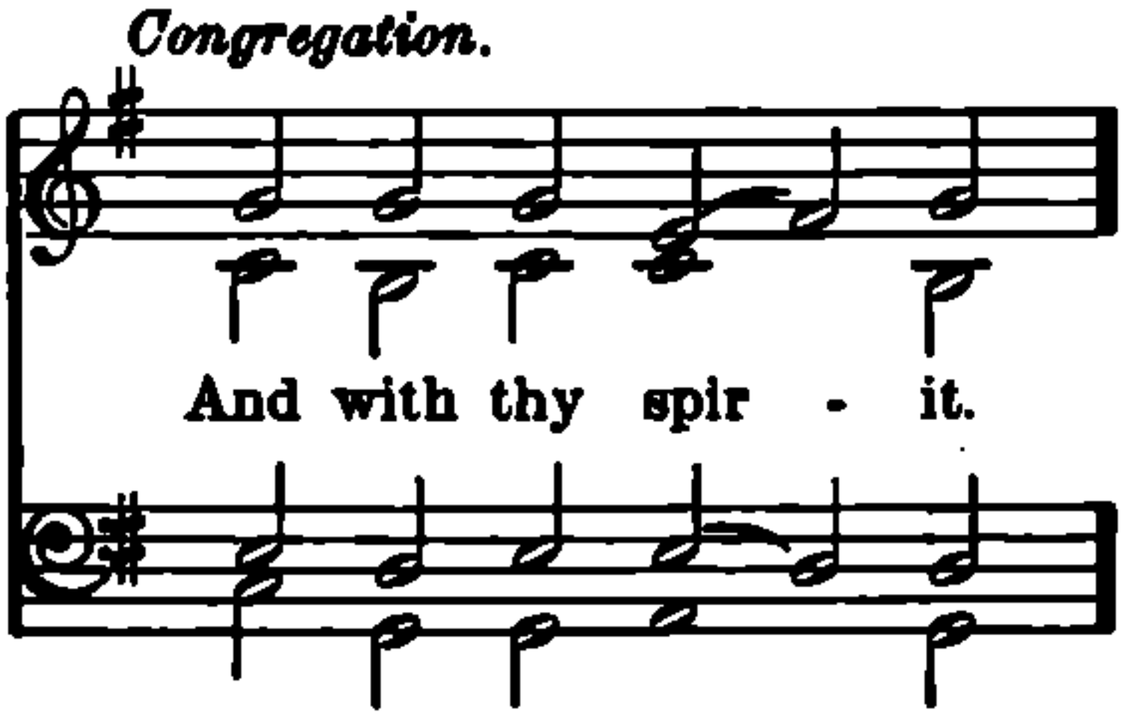
The Salutation and Collect.

Then shall the Minister chant or say:



The Lord be with you.

The Congregation shall chant or say:



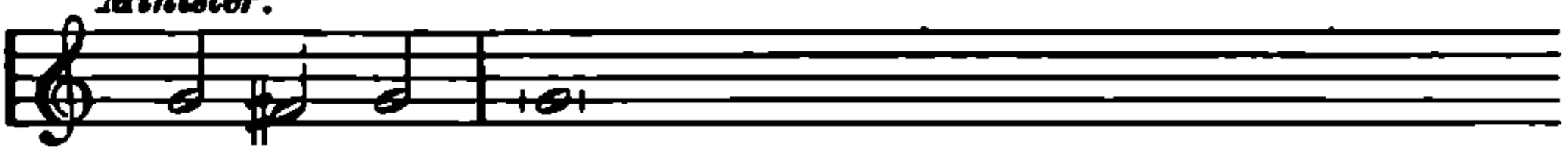
The Collect.

Then shall the Minister chant or say the COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

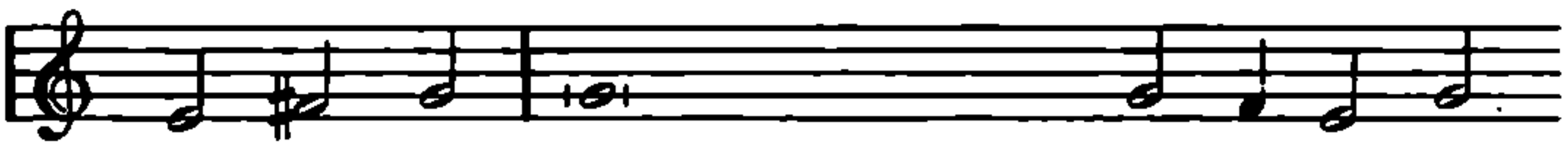
COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Collects for the other Sundays may be chanted according to the same tune. (*Hymn Book, p. 25-47; Liturgy, p. 28-98.*)

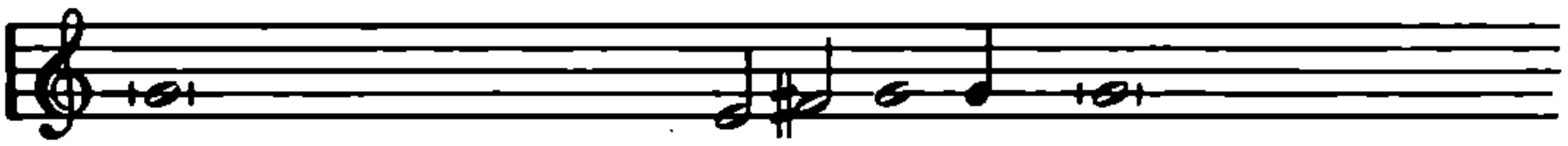
Minister.



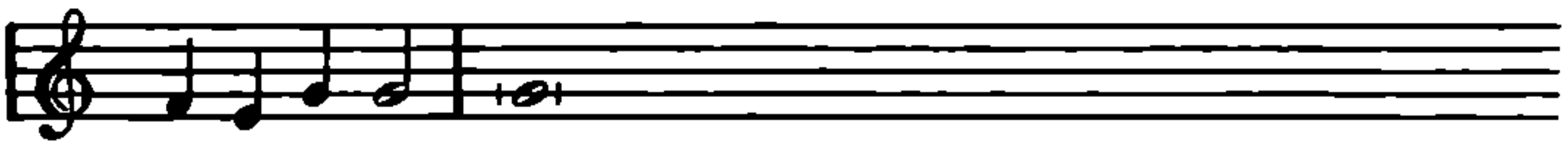
Let us pray. Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O



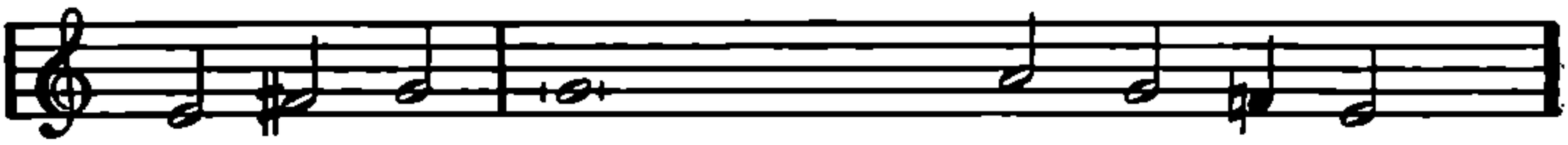
Lord, and come; that by Thy protection we may be res-cued



from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Thy mighty



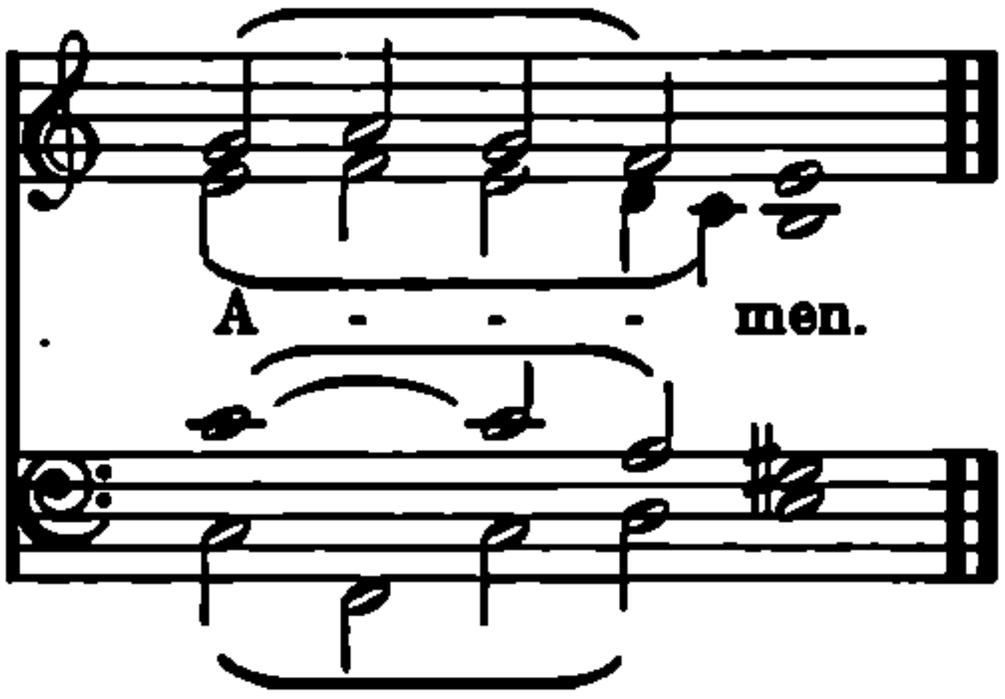
de-liv-er-ance; who livest and reignest with the Father and the



Ho - ly Ghost, ever, one God, world with - out end.

The Collect ended, the Congregation shall chant or say:

Congregation.



Then shall the Minister read the EPISTLE FOR THE DAY. *Other Scripture-lessons may be read before the* EPISTLE, *but the* EPISTLE *and* GOSPEL FOR THE DAY *shall always be read. The Minister shall announce the* EPISTLE, *saying:*

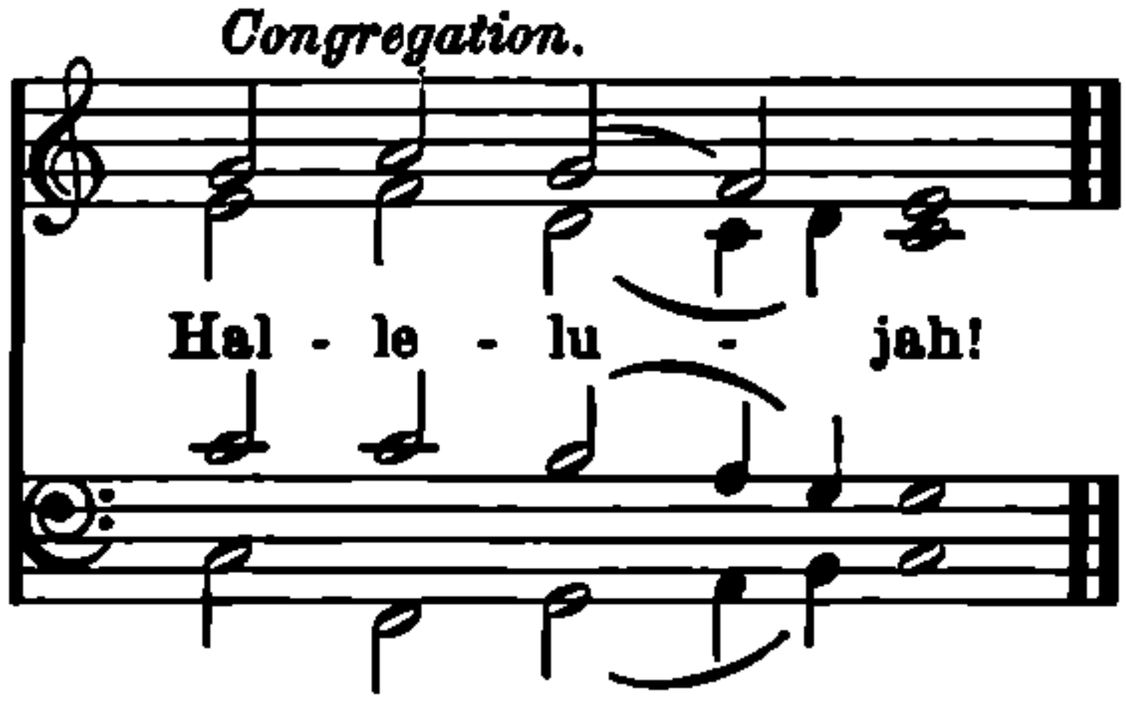
The Epistle for (*here he shall name the day*) is written in the——chapter of——, beginning at the——verse.

The Epistle for the Day.

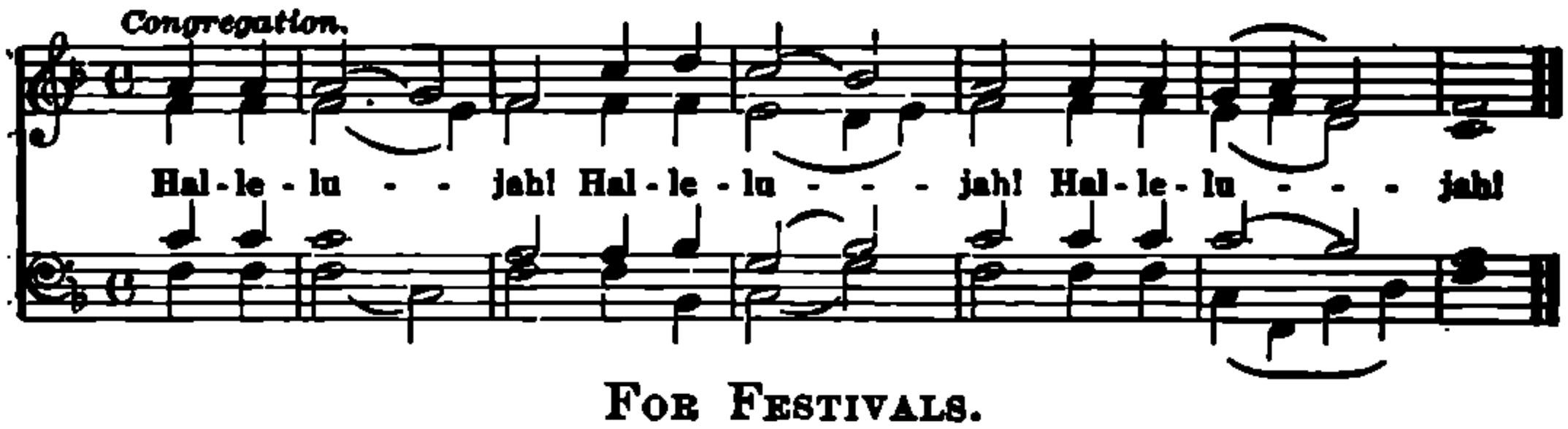
The Epistle *ended, the Minister shall say:* Here endeth the Epistle.

Then shall the HALLELUJAH *be chanted or said, except in the Passion season, when the Amen shall be chanted or said or sung as after the Collect.*

THE HALLELUJAH.



OR THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH.



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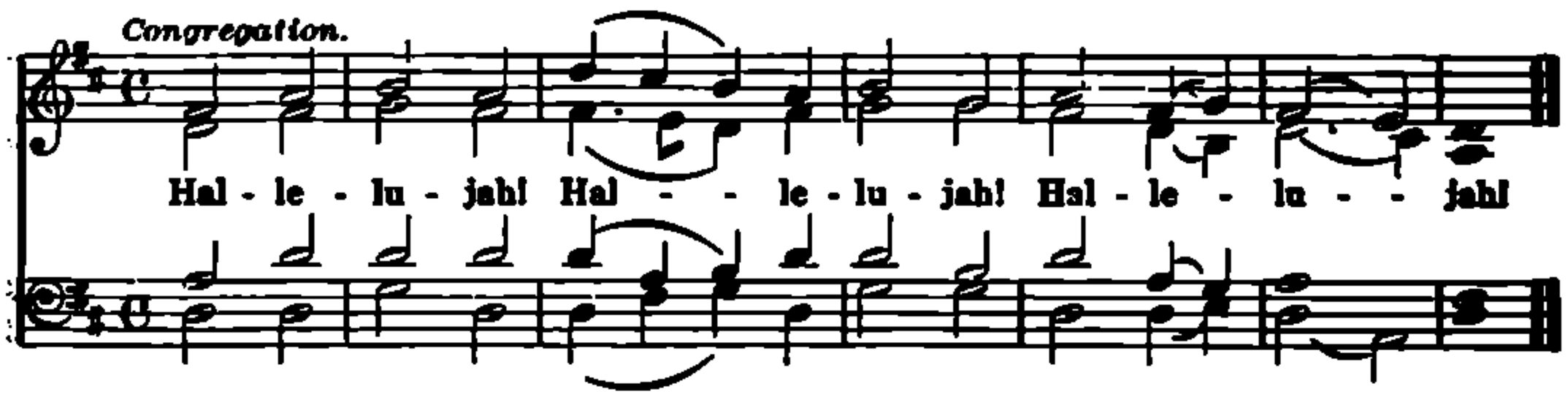
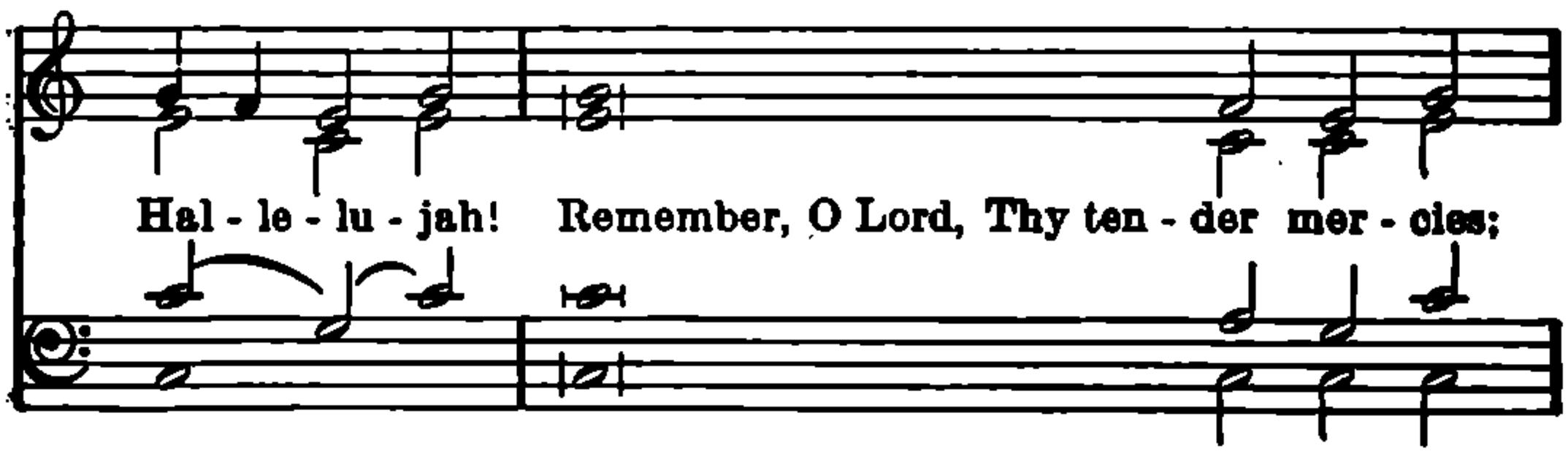
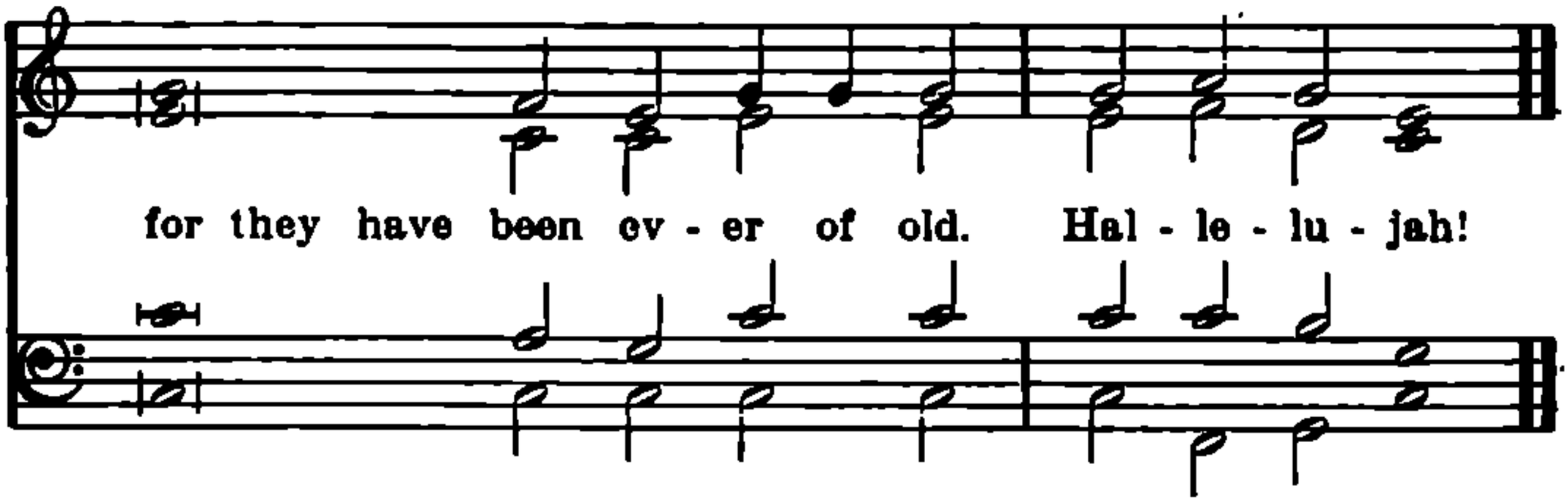


Instead of the simple HALLELUJAH *a* sentence *for the Season of the Church Year may be chanted with it; or a Psalm or Hymn may be chanted after the* HALLELUJAH:

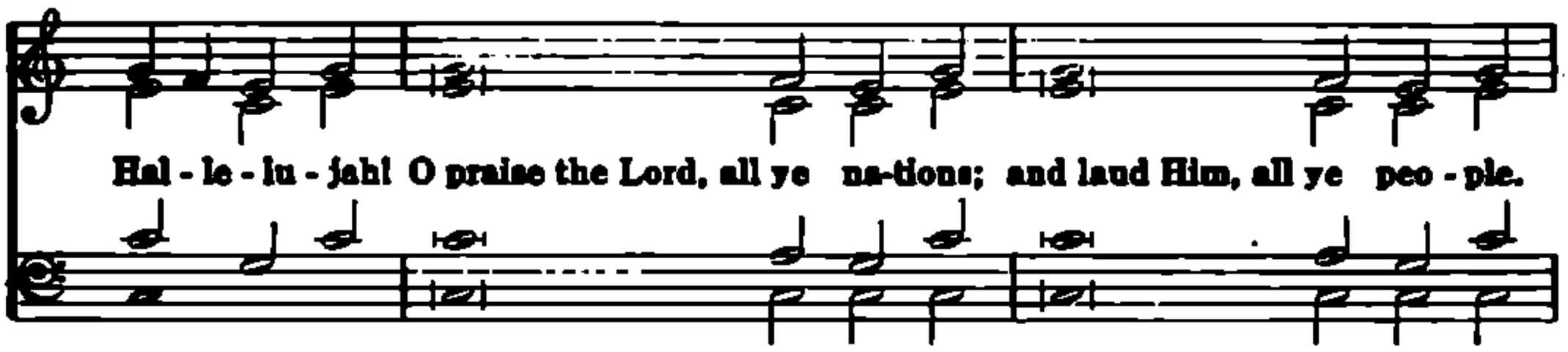
THE HALLELUJAH AND SENTENCE.

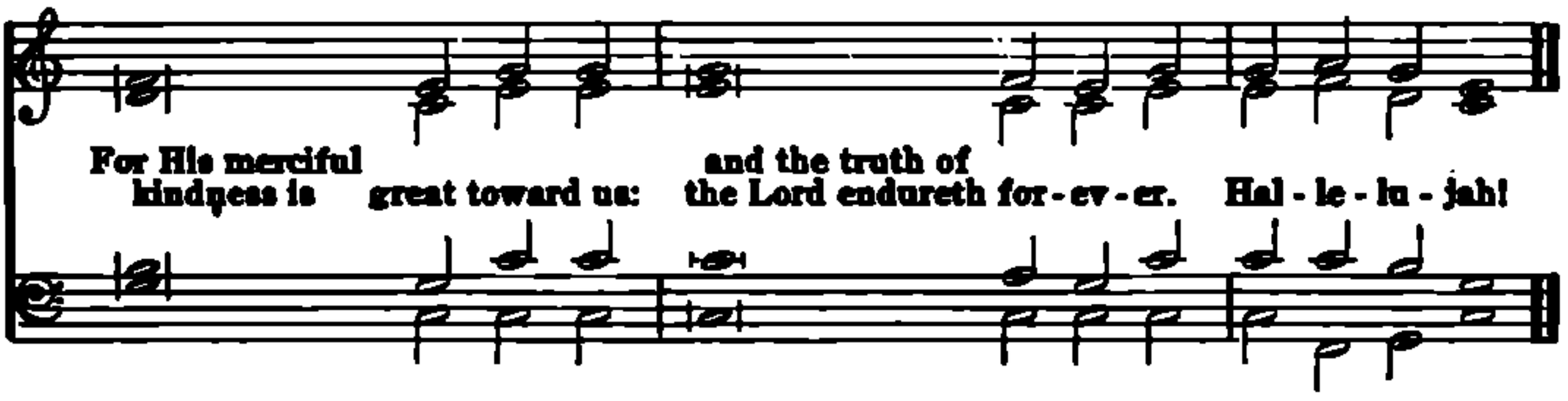
FOR ADVENT.





For the Epiphany Season.





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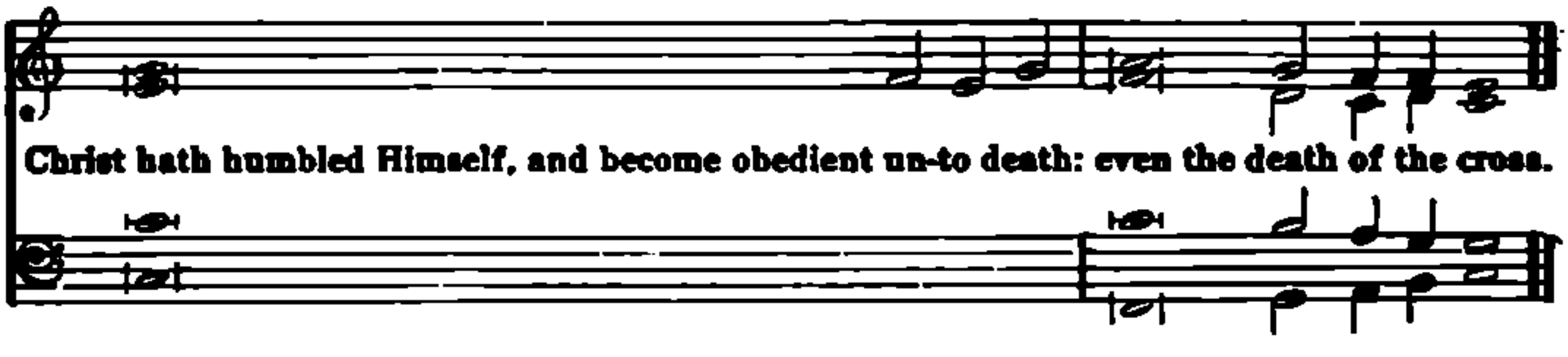

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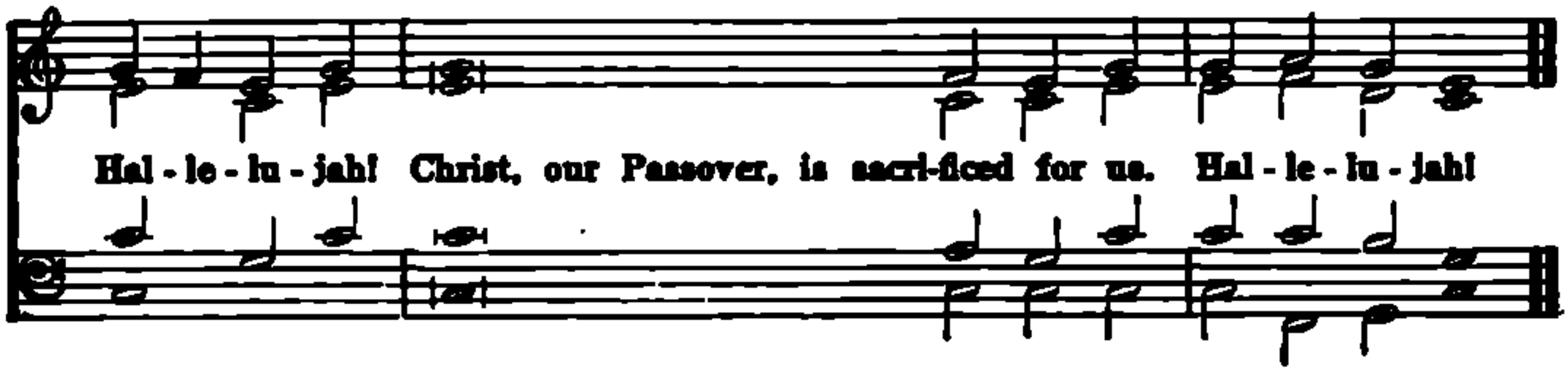

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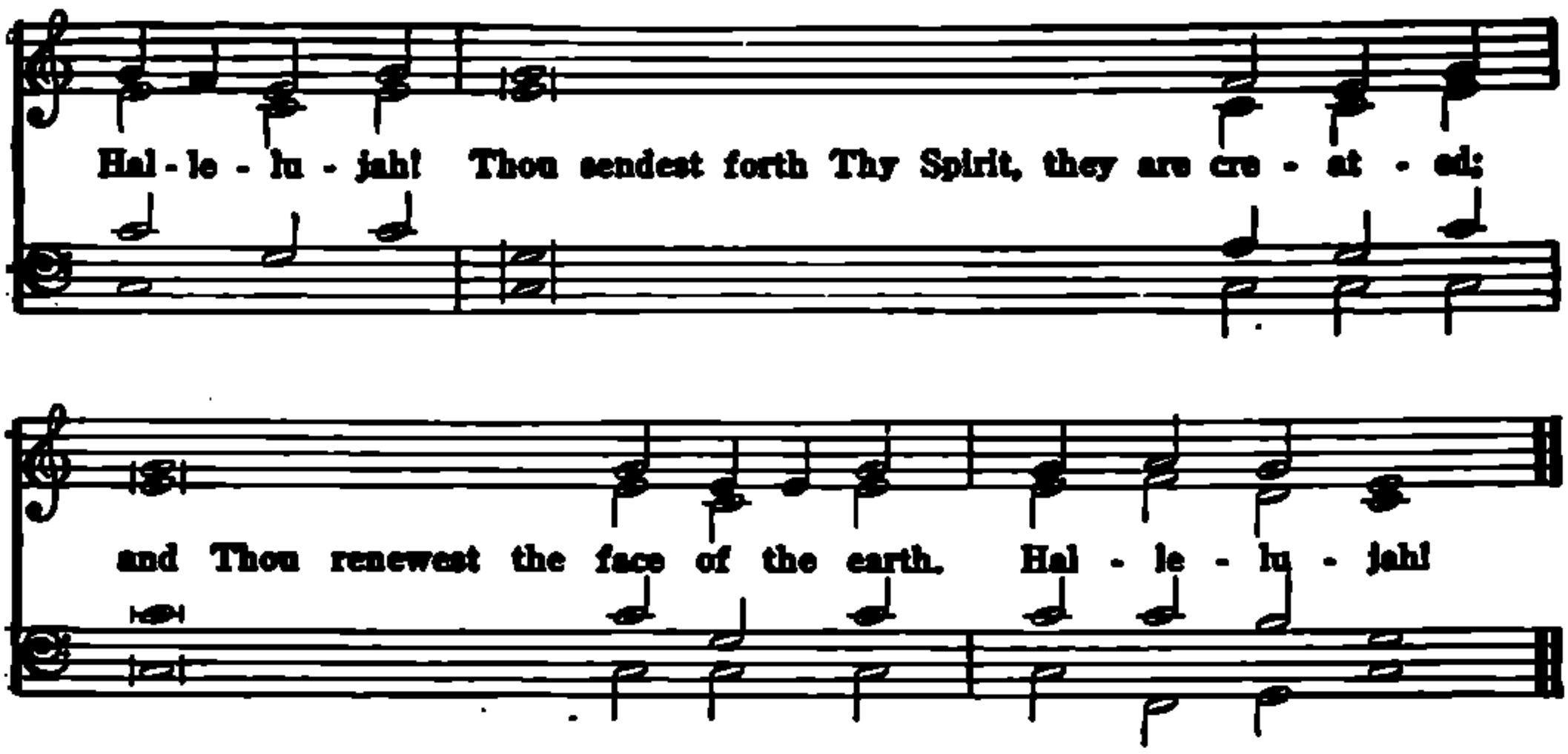

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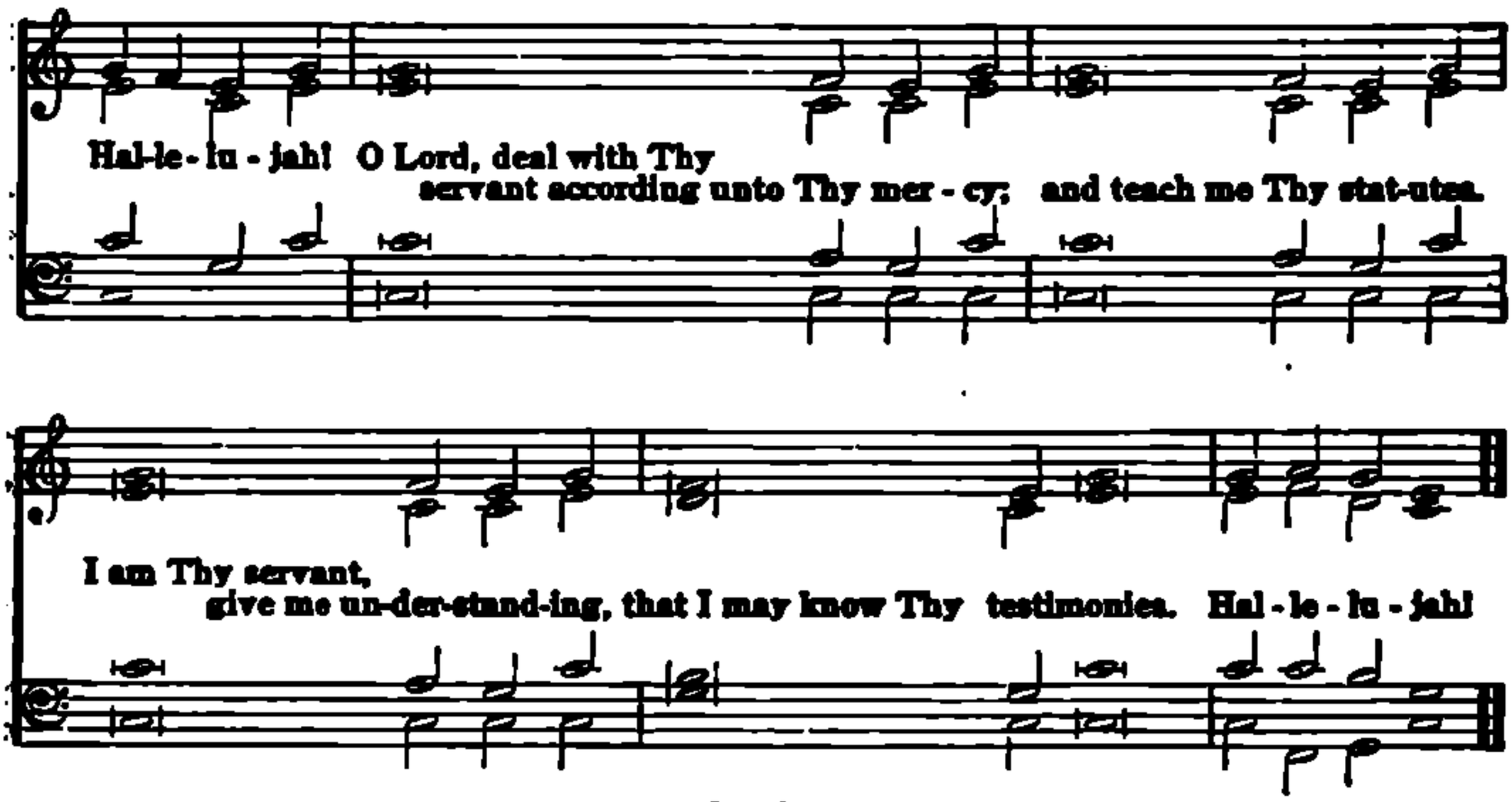

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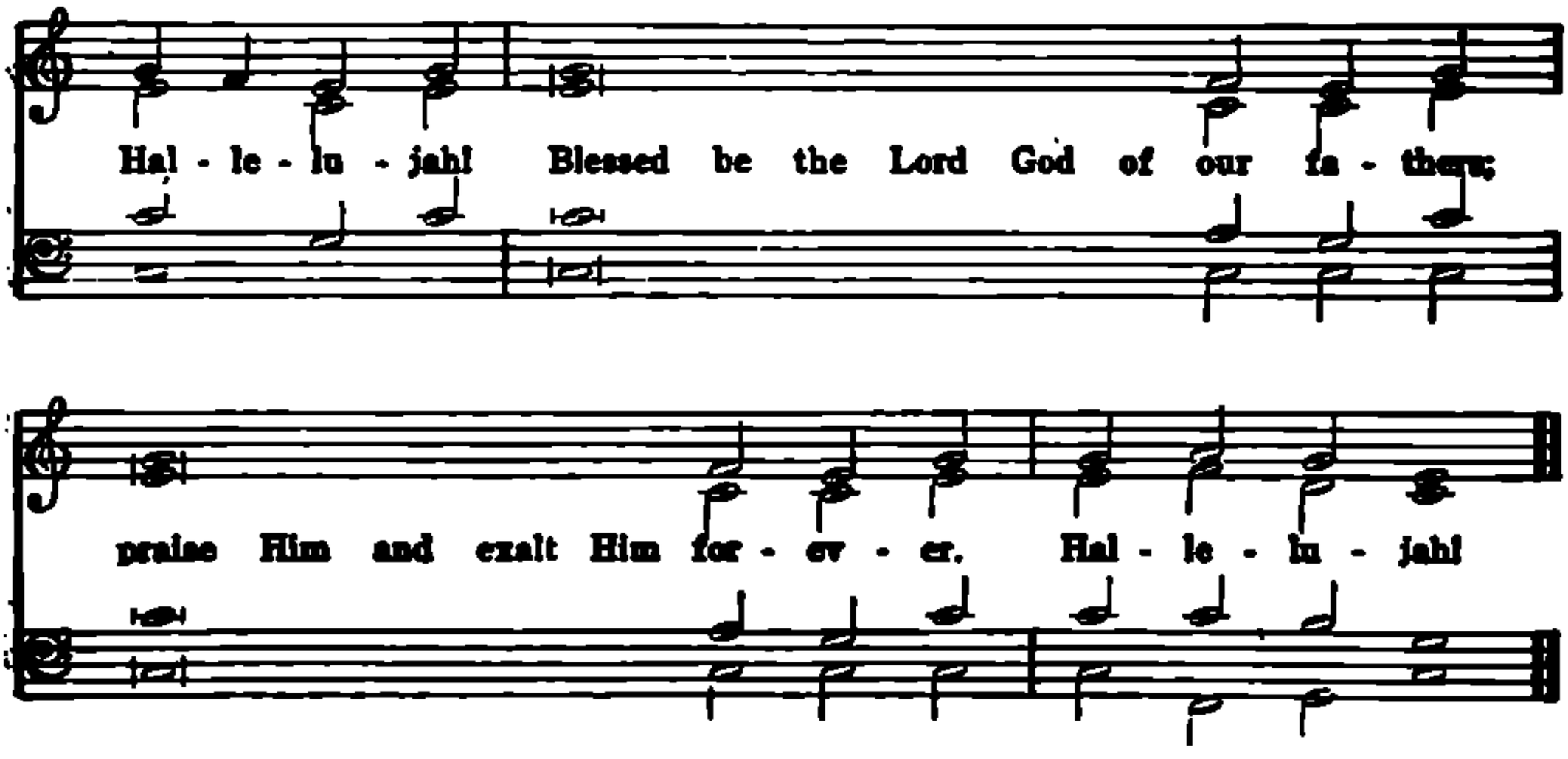


Then may be sung another

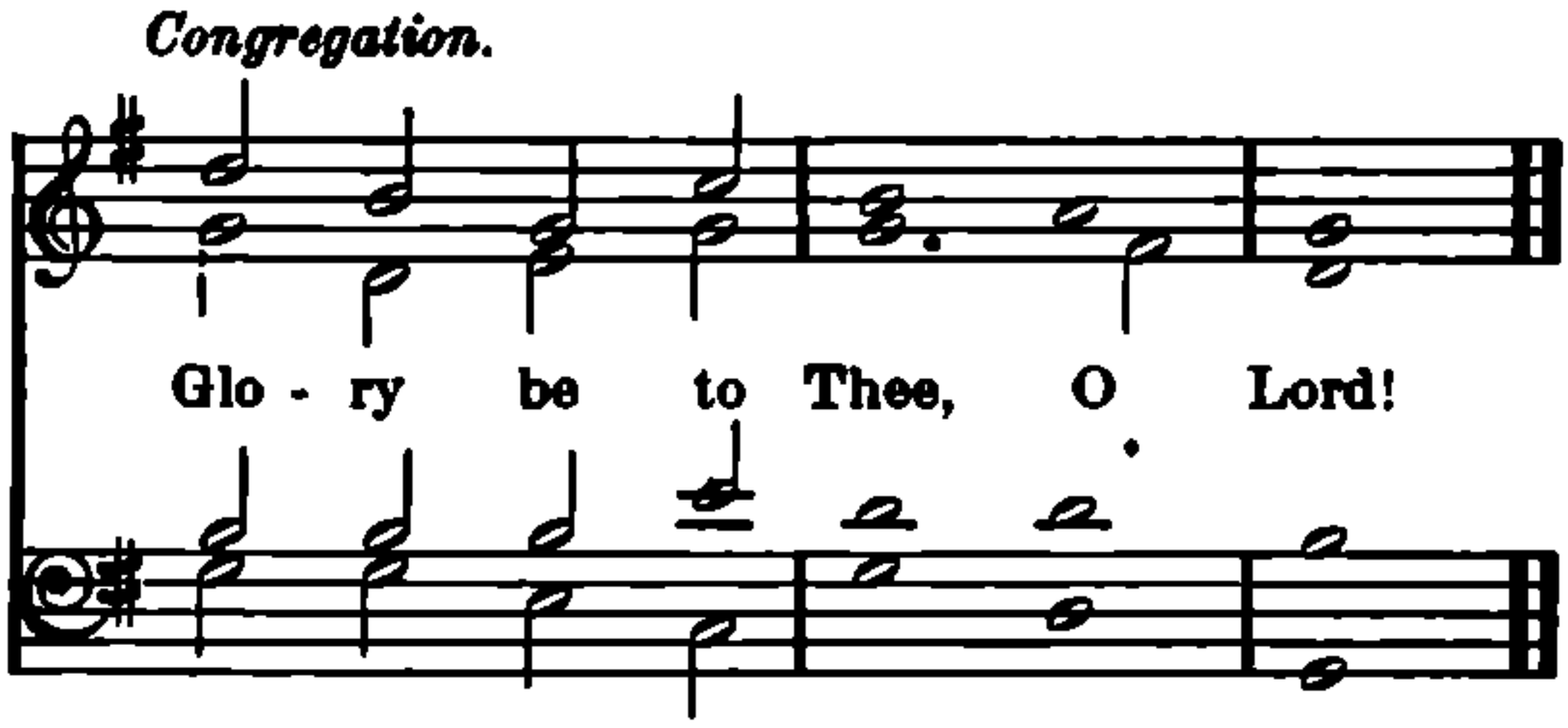
Hymn.

The Gospel for the Day.

The hymn ended, the Minister shall announce the GOSPEL FOR THE DAY, *saying:*

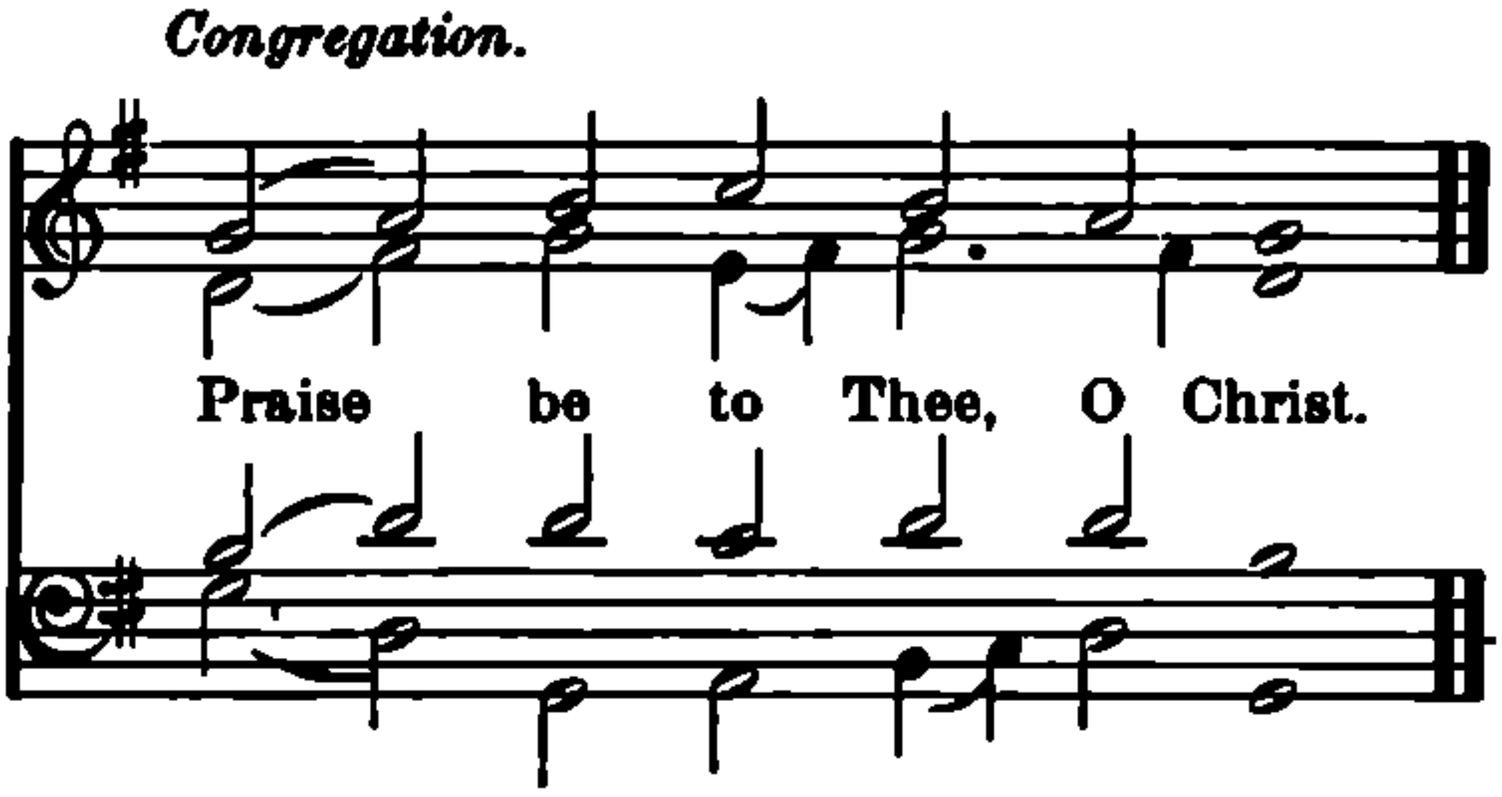
The Holy Gospel is written in the——chapter of St.——, beginning at the——verse.

The Congregation may chant or say.



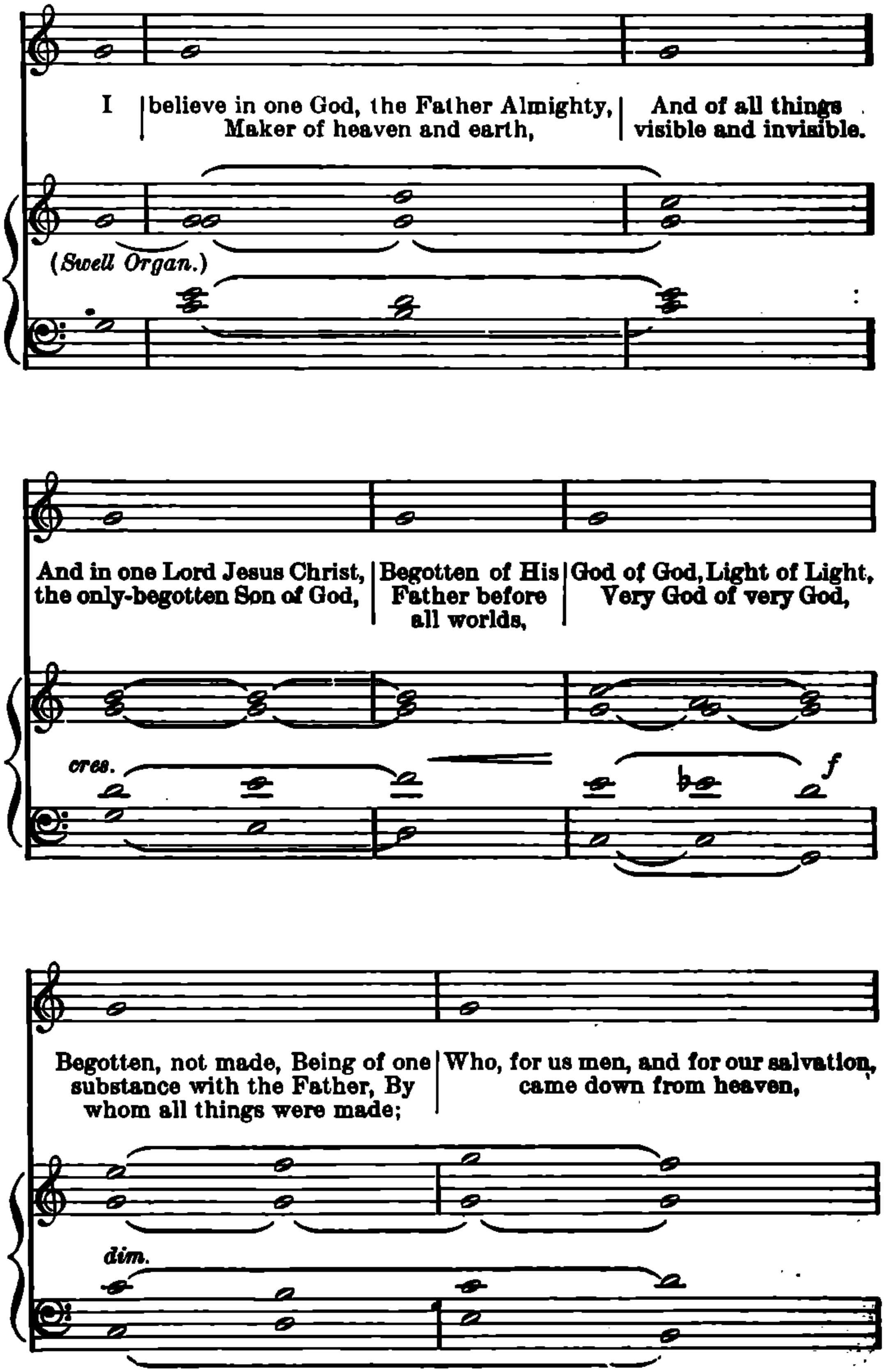
Then shall the Minister read the GOSPEL FOR THE DAY.

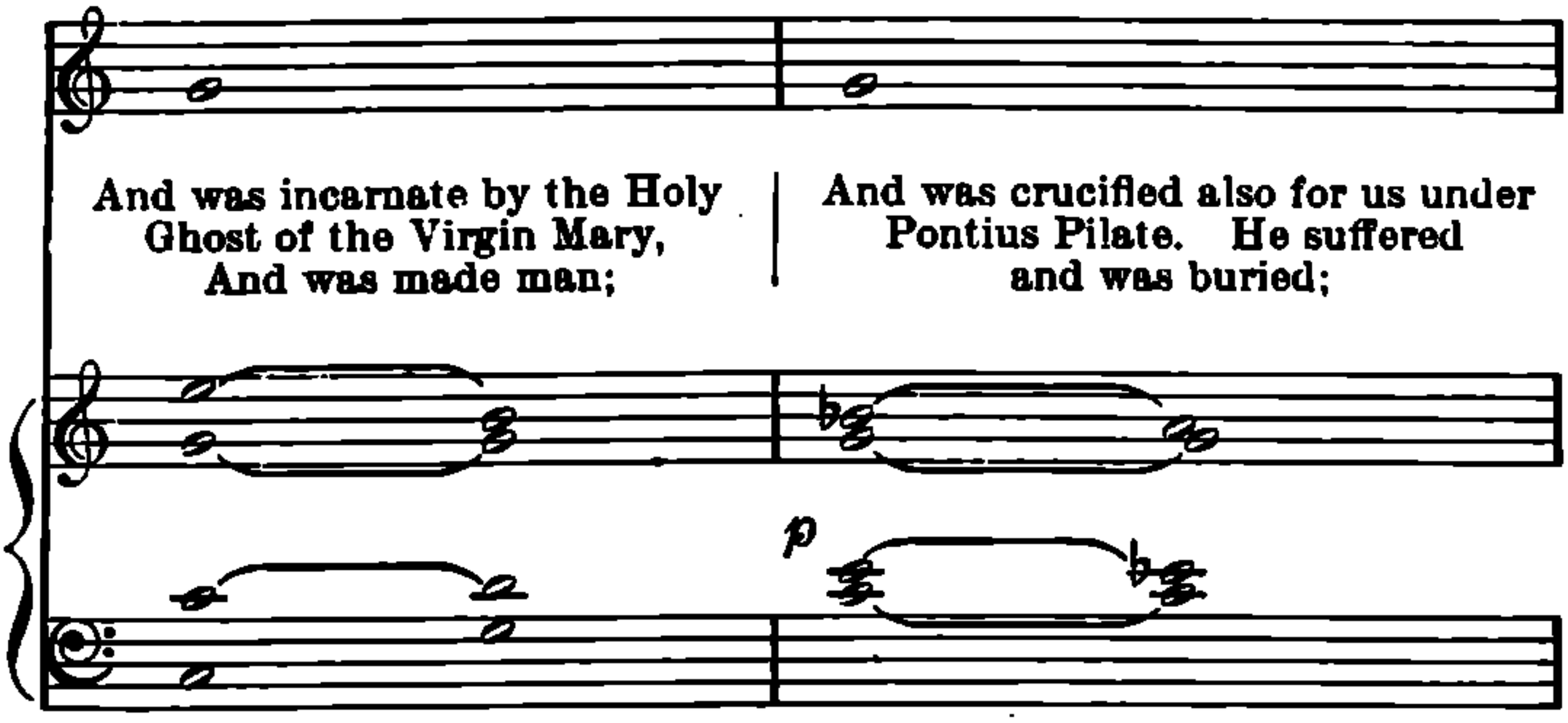
The Gospel ended, the Minister shall say: **Here endeth the Gospel,** ***and the Congregation shall rise, unless they have stood at the reading of the Gospel, and shall chant or say:***



Then shall be said or chanted the NICENE CREED, *or the* APOSTLES' CREED; *but if there be a Communion, the* NICENE CREED *shall be used.*

The Nicene Creed.




And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried;
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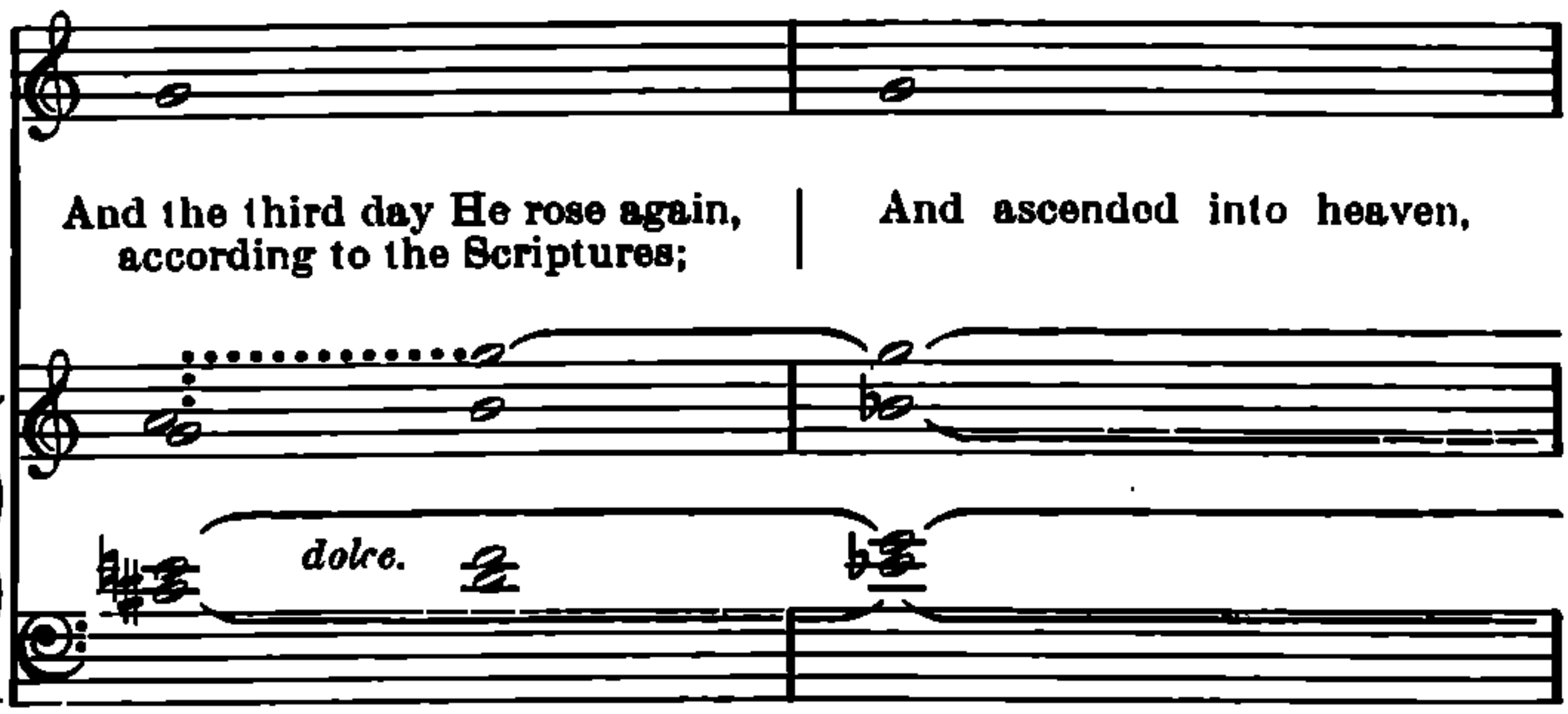
And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;
And ascended into heaven,
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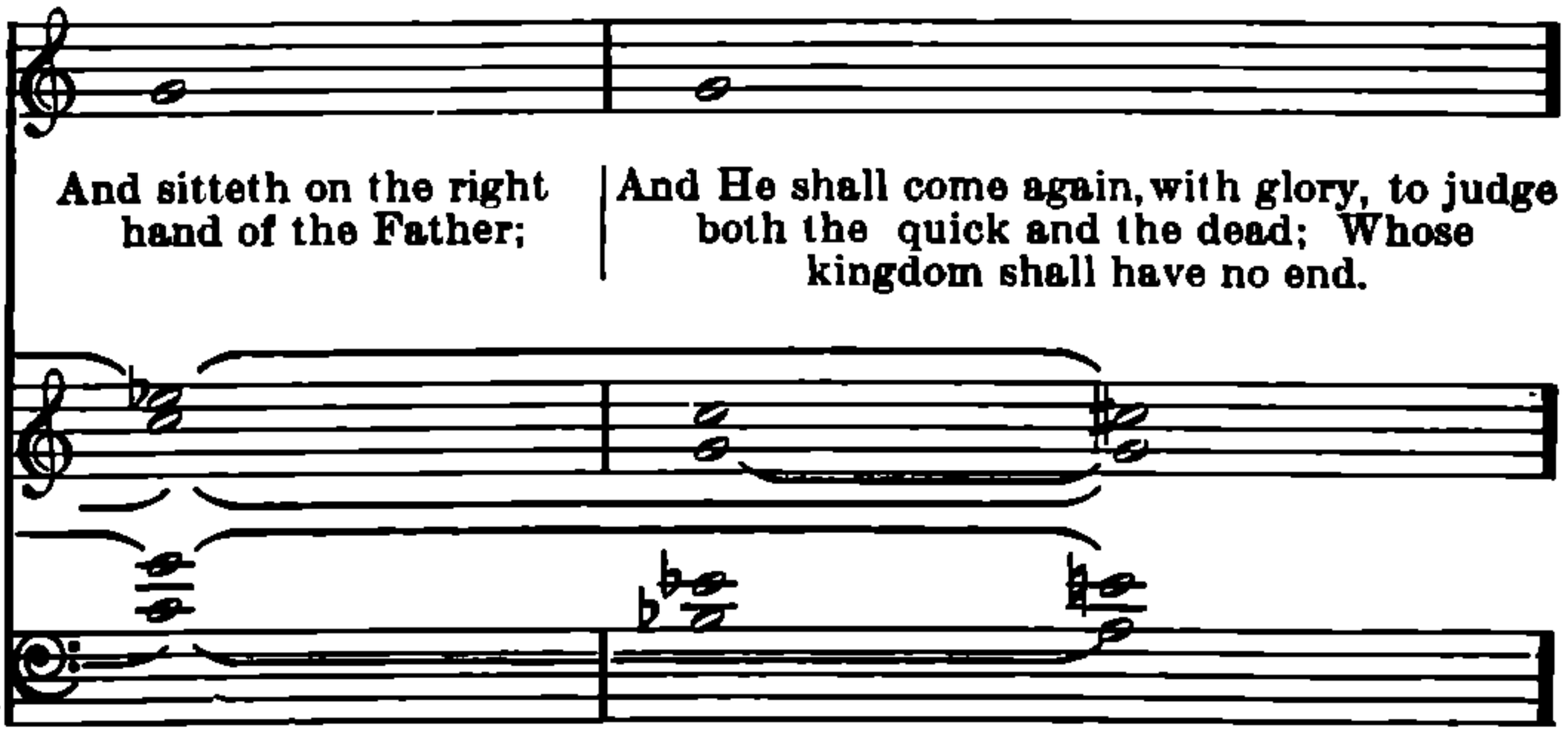
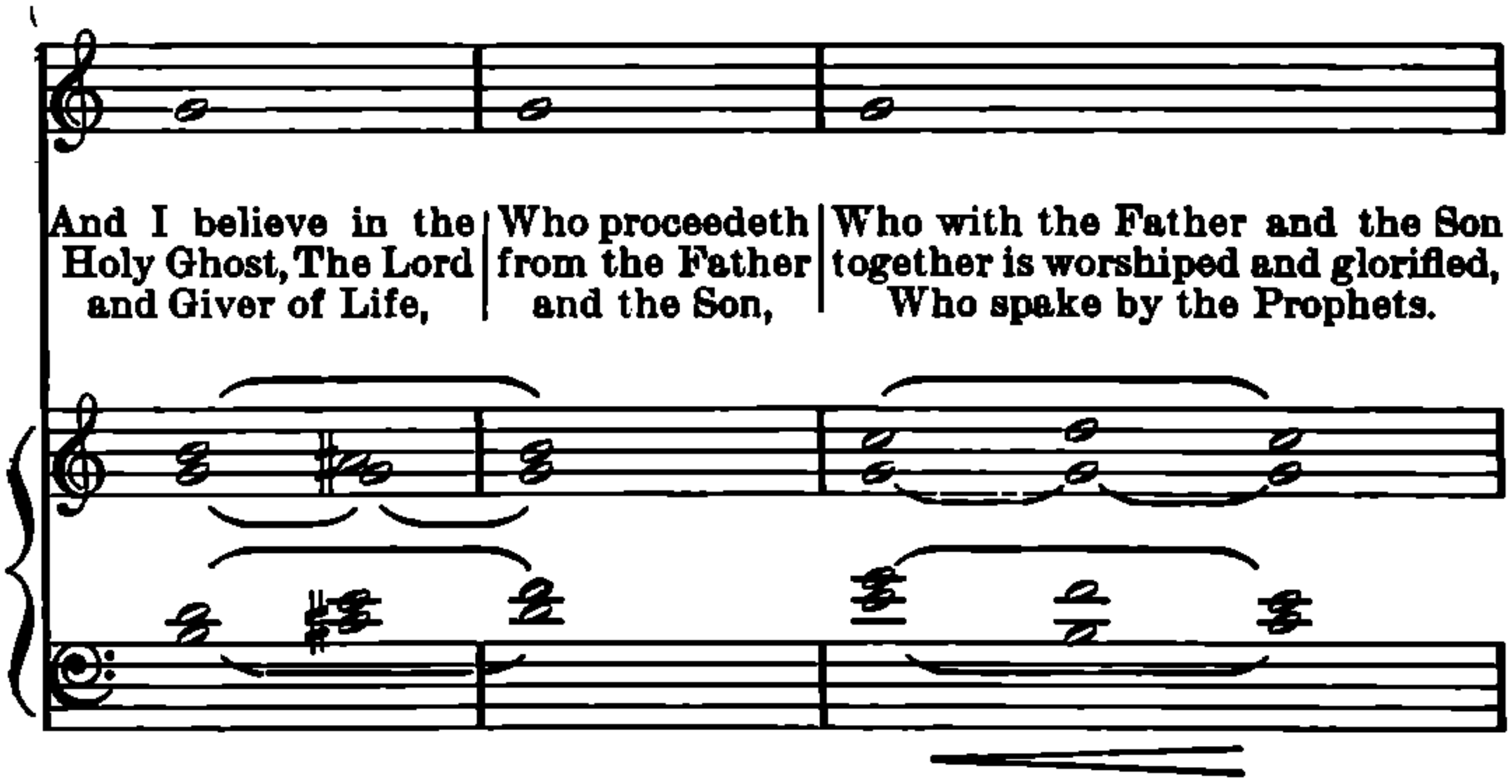
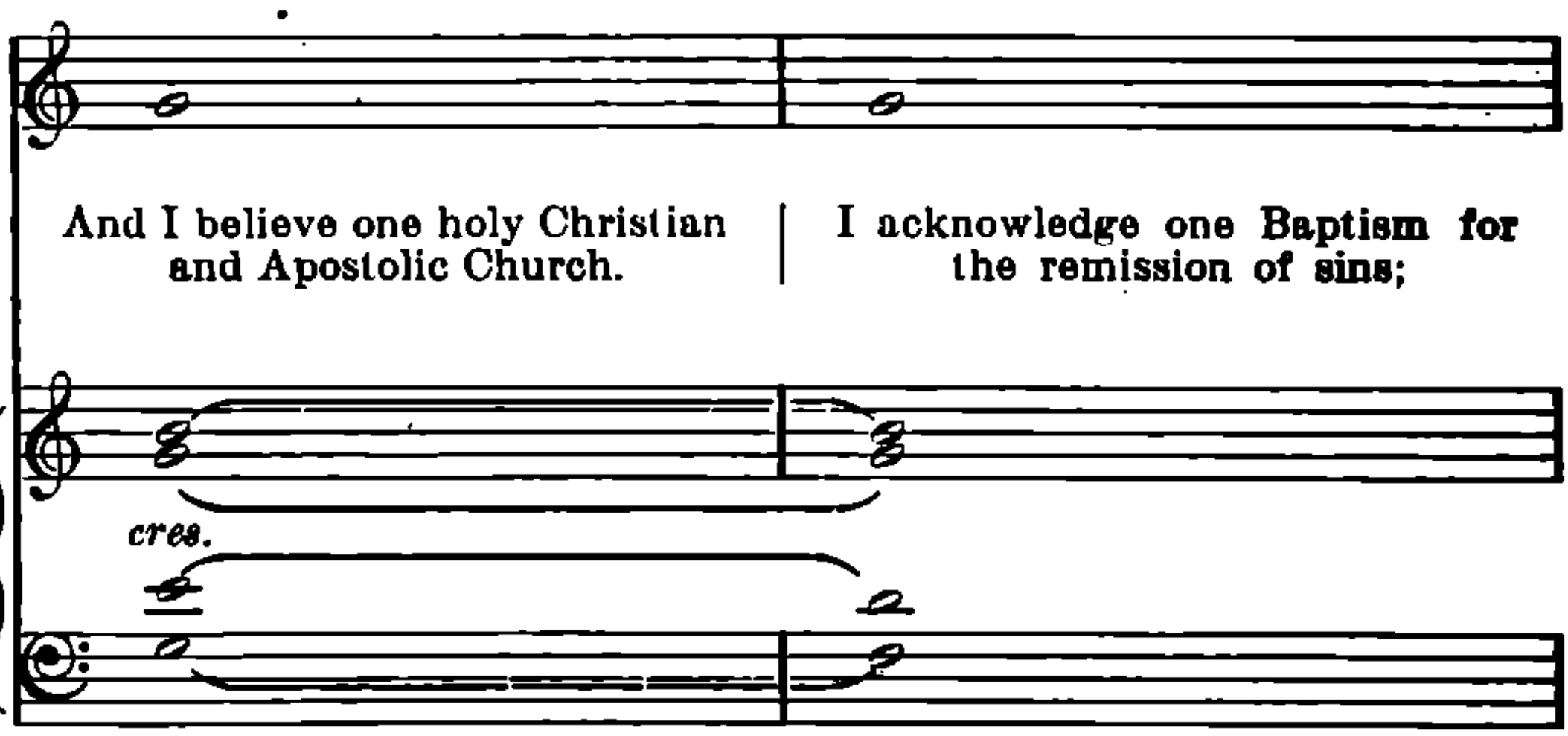

And sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
And He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.


And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life,
Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.


And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
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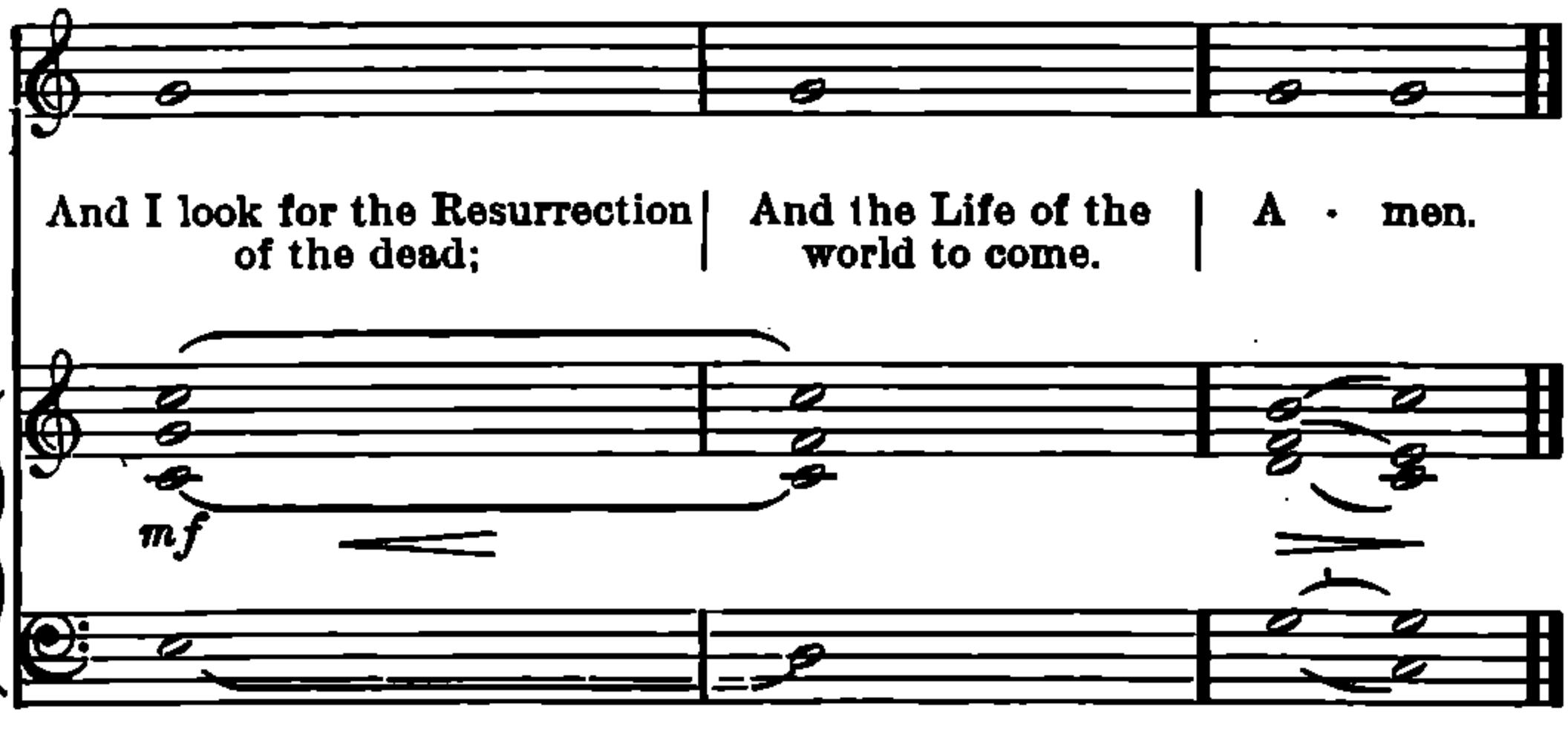
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead;
And the Life of the world to come.
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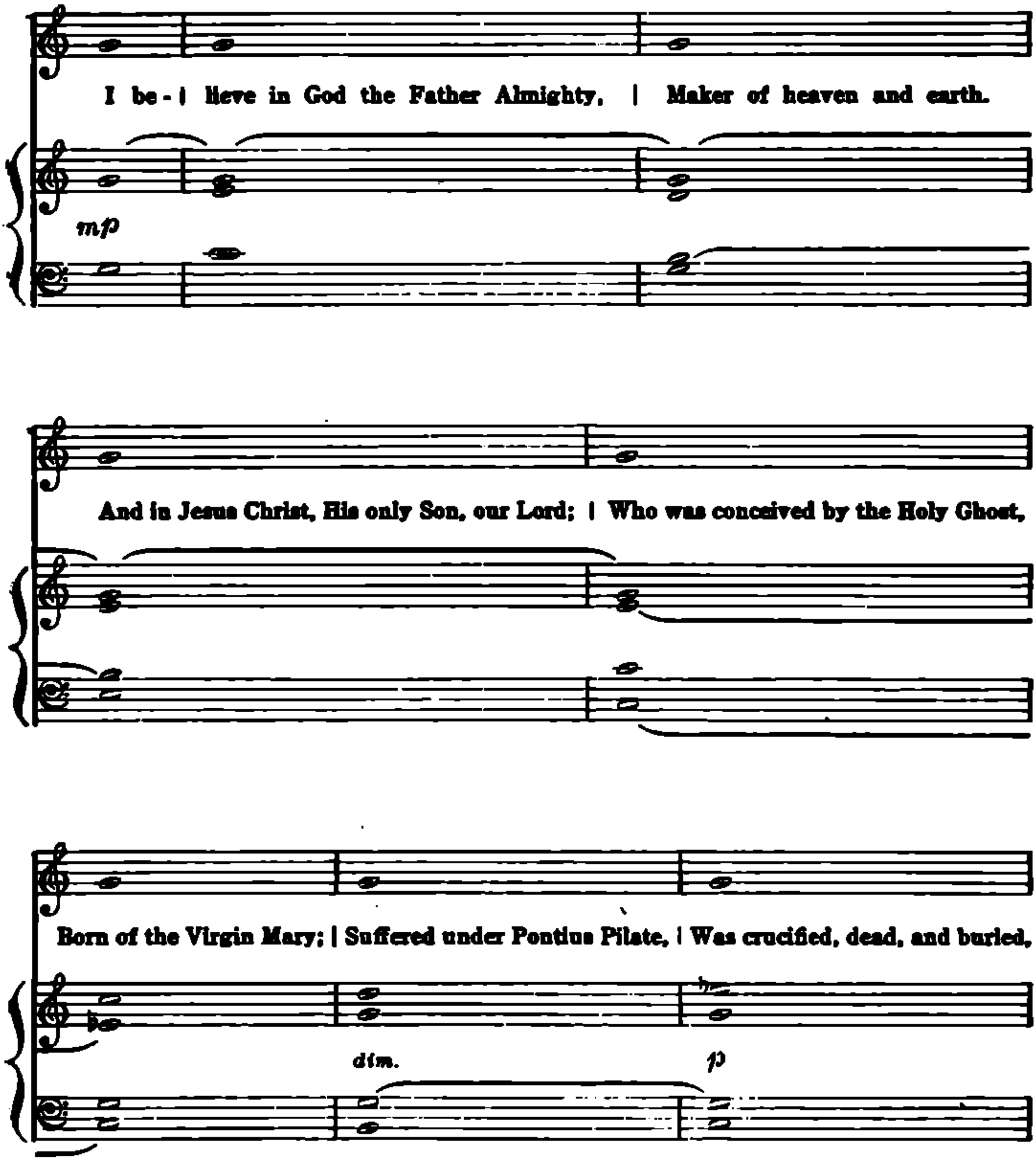
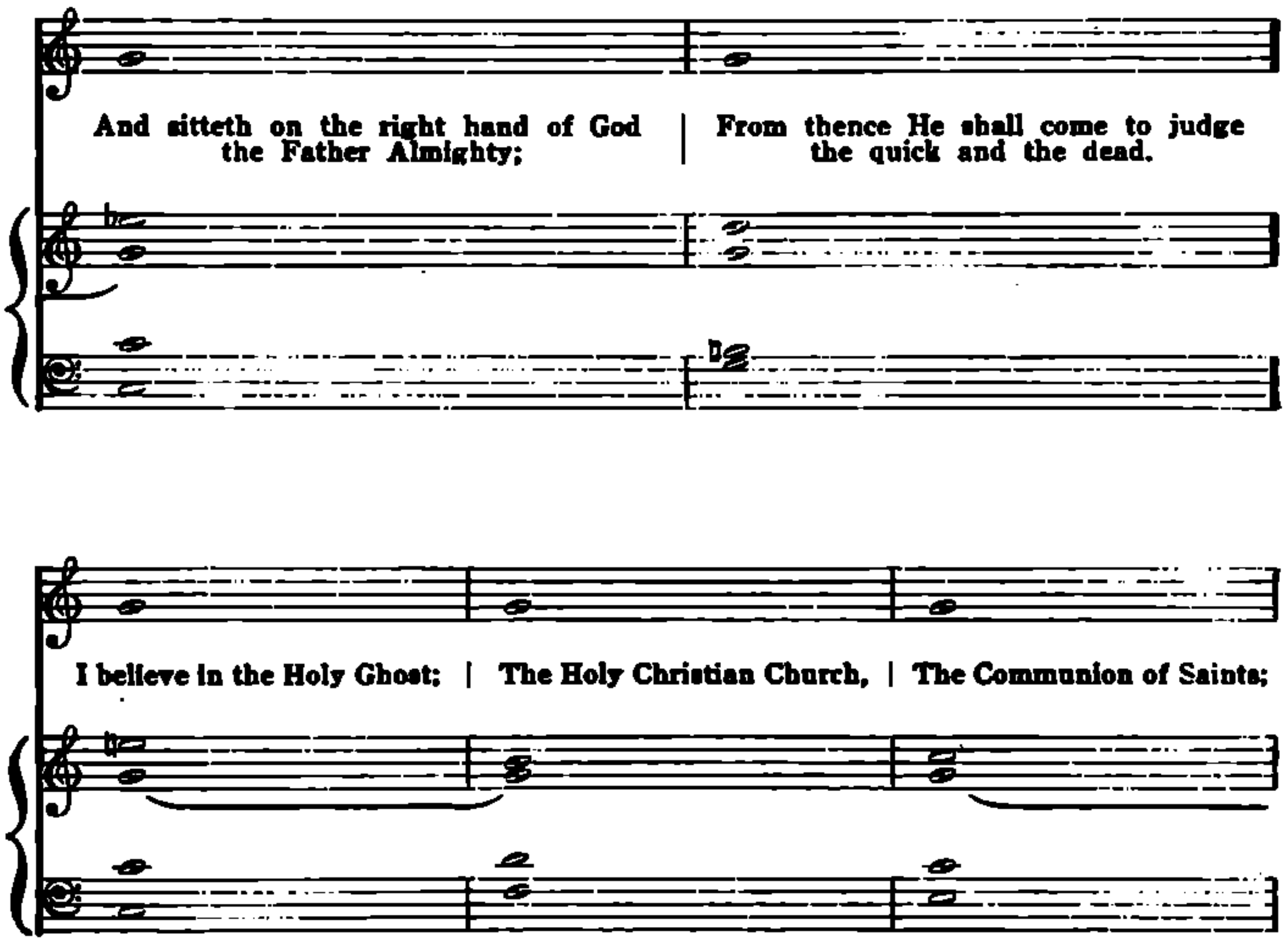
THE APOSTLES' CREED.





Hymn.

Then may a Hymn be sung, and the Minister shall go into the pulpit.

After the Hymn shall follow

The Sermon.

The Sermon ended, the Congregation standing up, the Minister shall say:

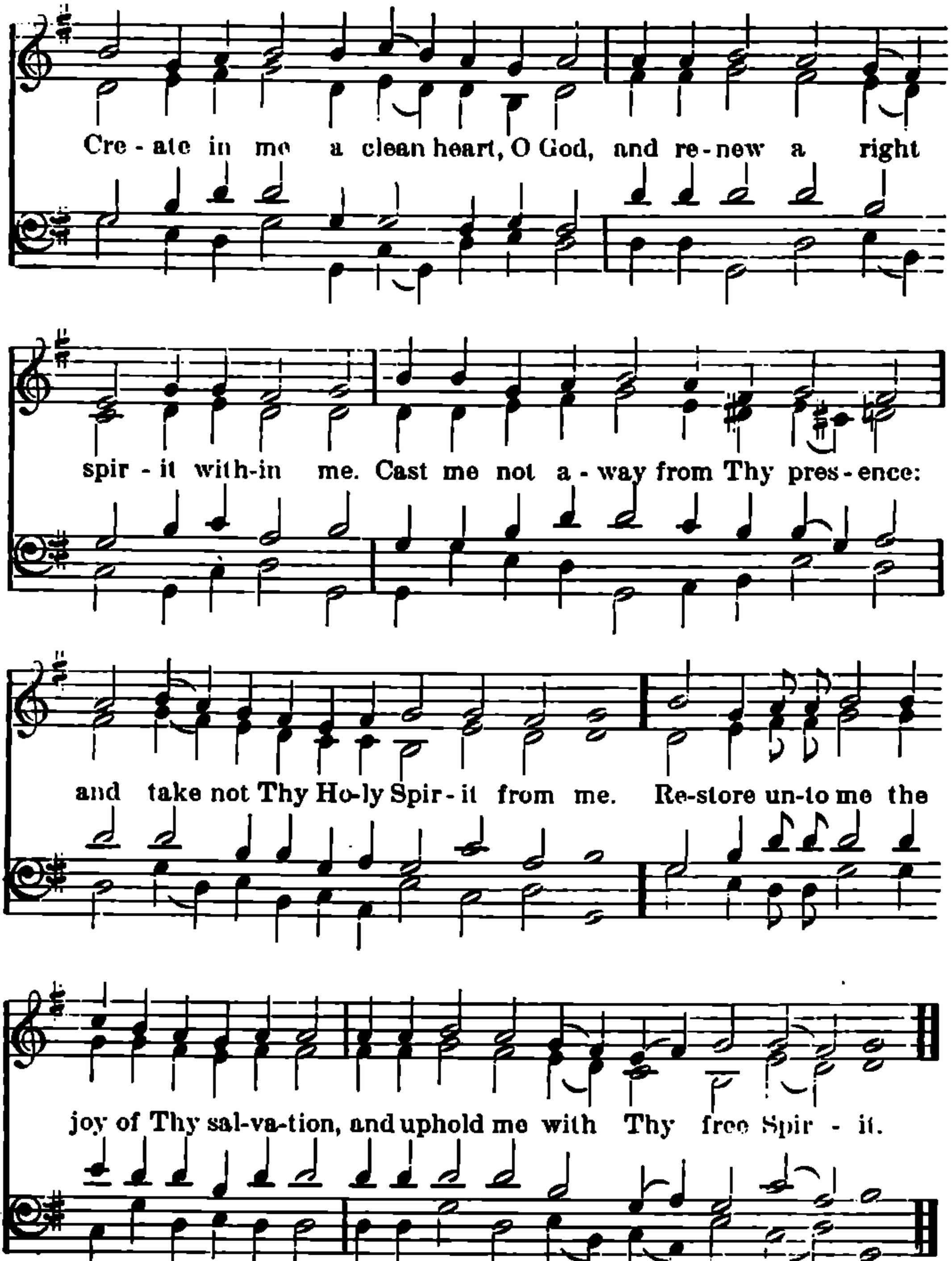
The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

The Offertory.

The OFFERTORY *shall then be sung, at the close of which the Congregation shall be seated.*

The OFFERTORY *here following, or any other suitable* OFFERTORY, *may be used.*

THE OFFERTORY.



The Offerings shall be gathered and brought to the Minister, who shall place them on the Altar.

Then shall the Minister make mention of any special petition, intercessions, or thanksgivings which may have been requested. He may also make mention of the death of any member of the Congregation.

Then shall follow the GENERAL PRAYER (*Liturgy, p. 3; Hymn Book, p. 3*), *or, if there be no Communion, the* LITANY, *or a selection from the* COLLECTS AND PRAYERS, *or any other suitable prayer.*

Then shall the Minister, and the Congregation with him, say

The Lord's Prayer.

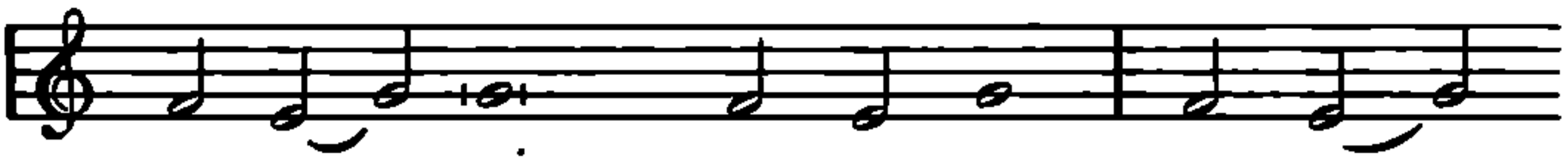
Then shall be sung a

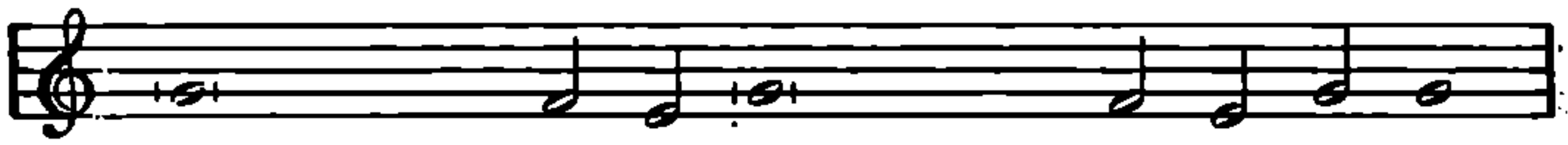
Hymn.

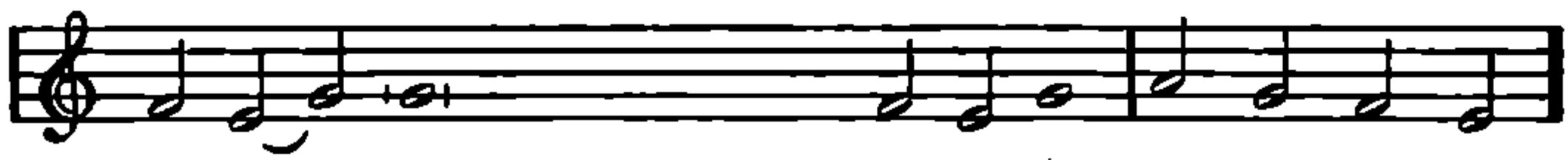
If there be no Communion, a Doxology may be sung, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall pronounce the BENEDICTION, *after which the Congregation shall offer silent prayer.*

The Benediction.

Minister.

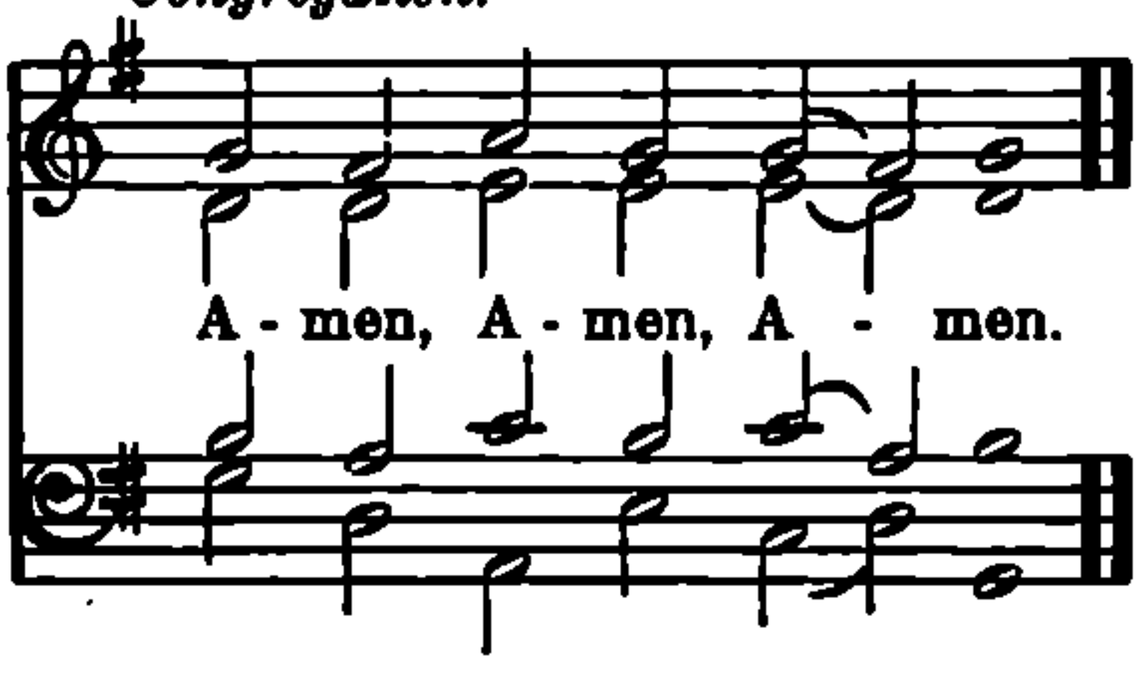






The Congregation shall chant or say:

Congregation.



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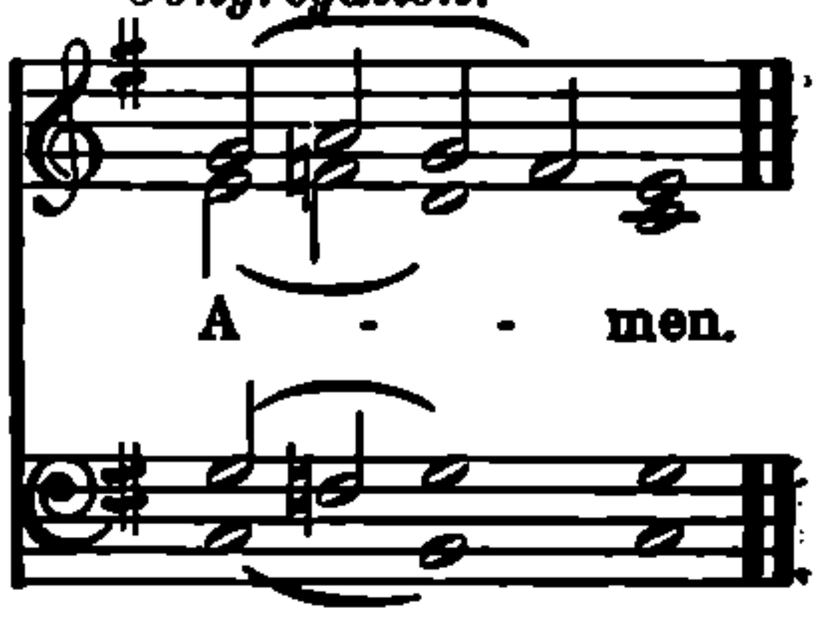


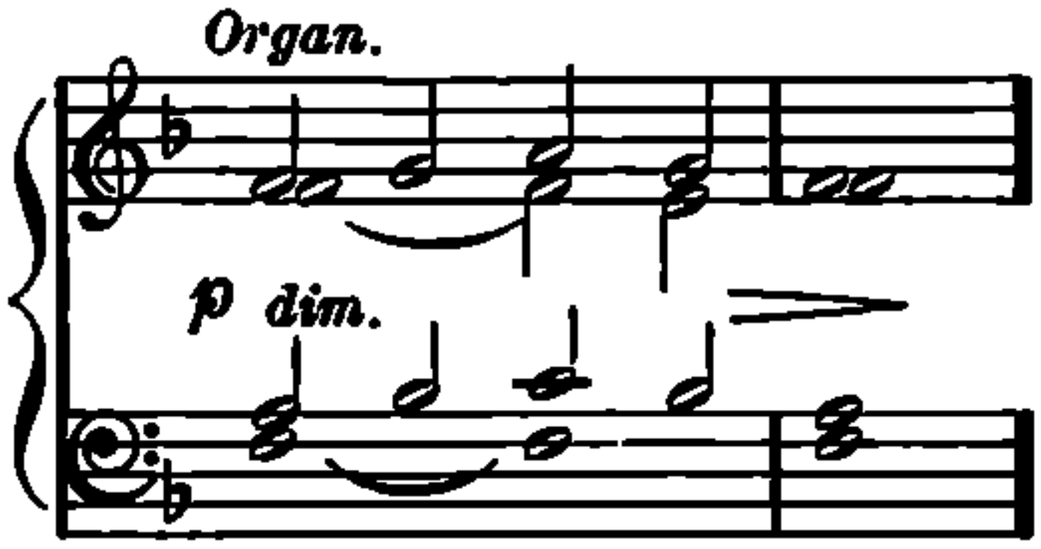
The Communion Service.

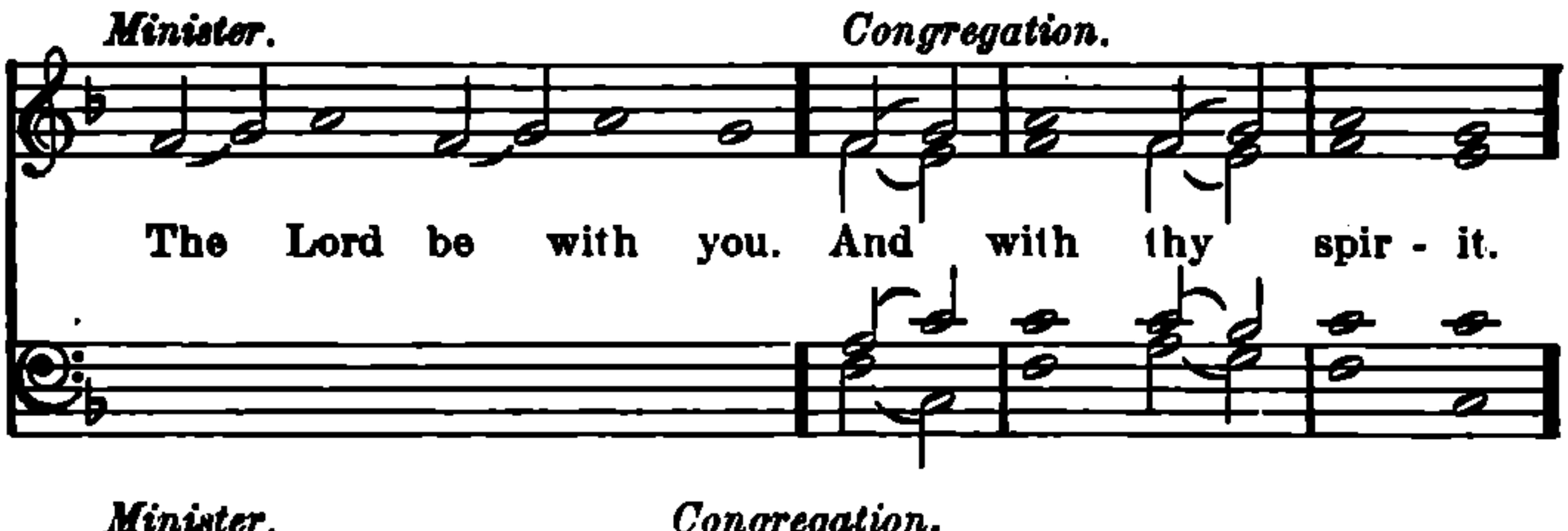
Whilst the Hymn following the Lord's Prayer is sung, the Minister shall go to the Altar, make ready the Communion vessels, and prepare for the administration of the Holy Communion.

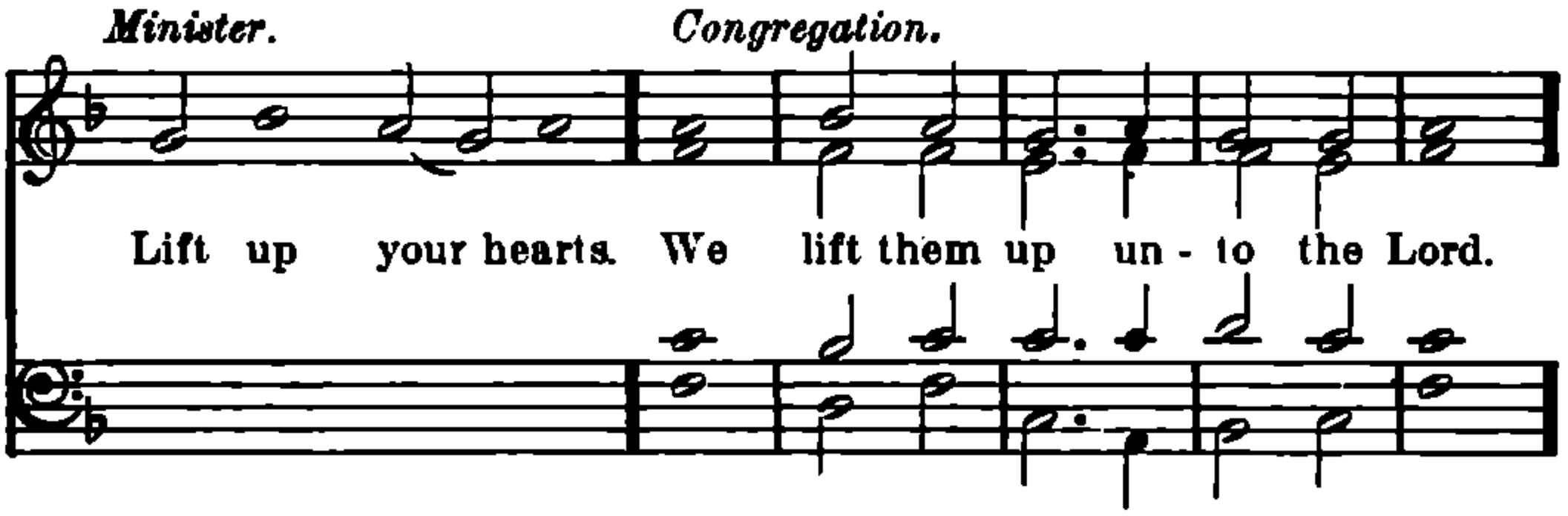
The Hymn ended, the Congregation shall rise, and stand to the end of the AGNUS DEI.

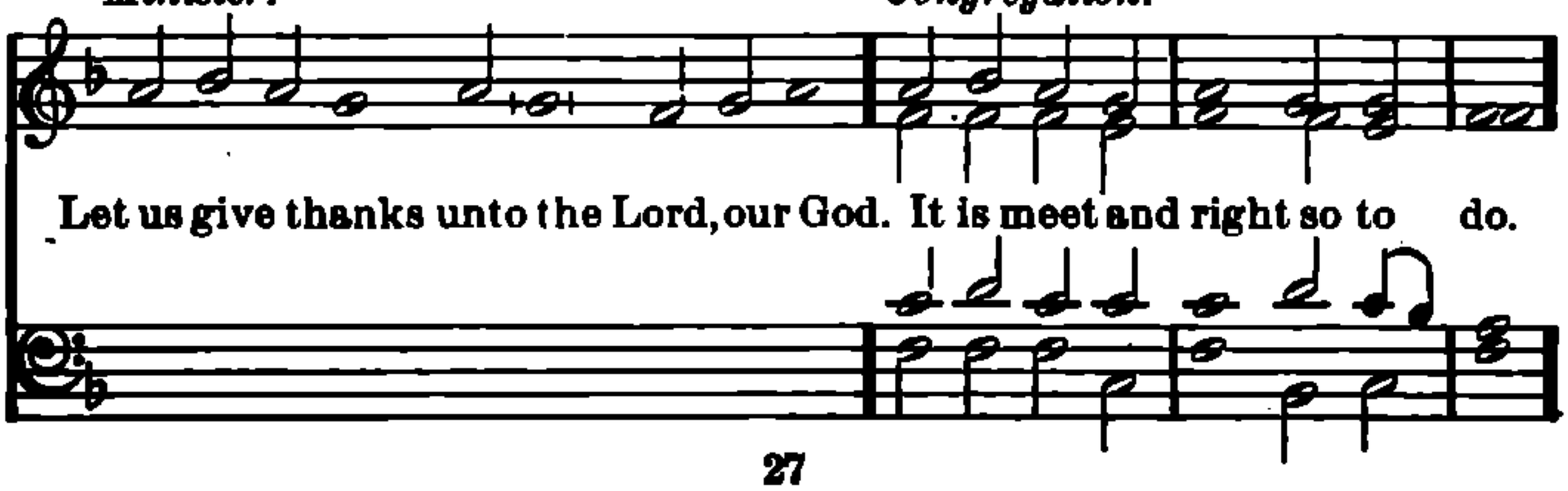
The Preface.

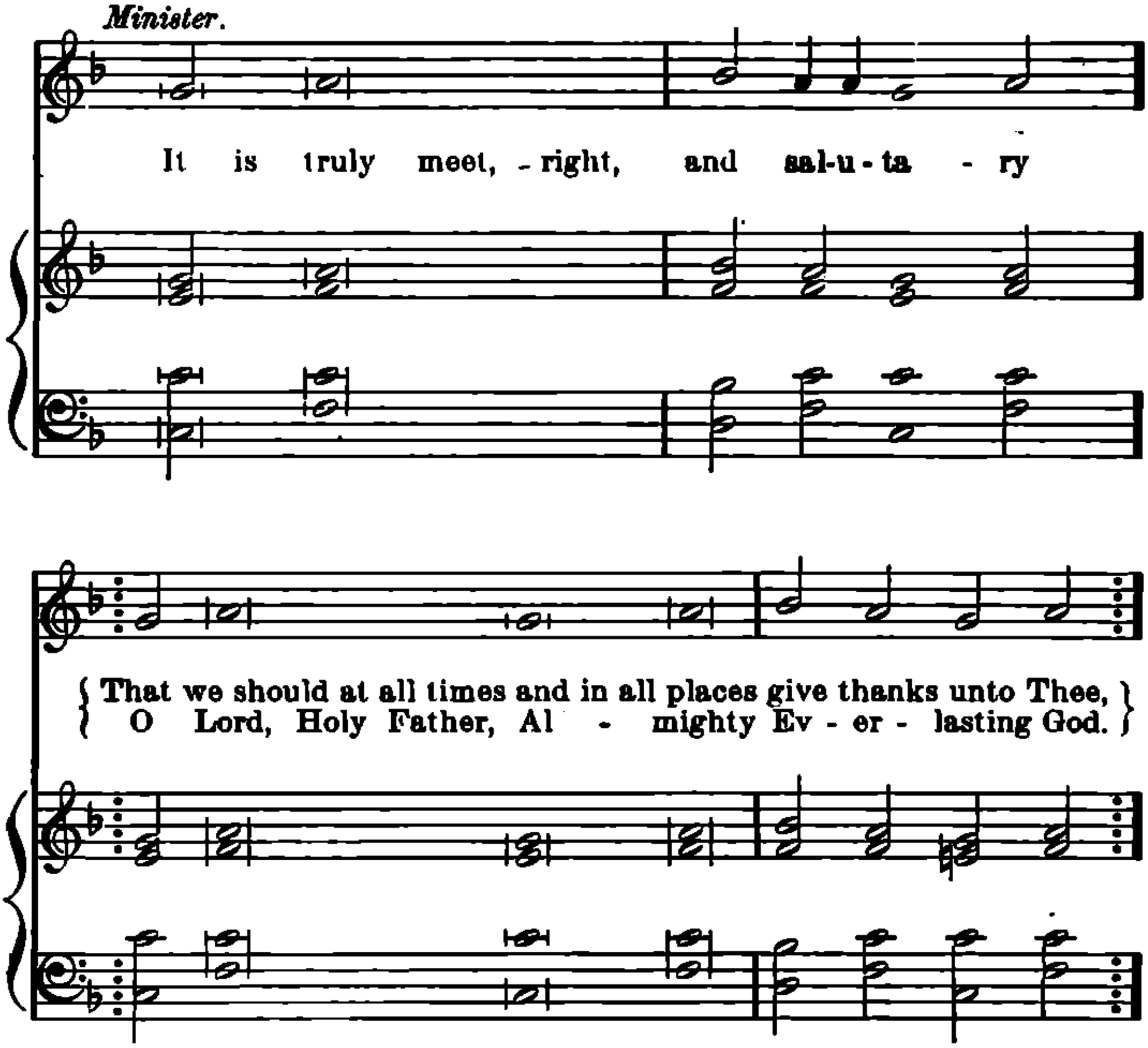
The Minister and the Congregation, as indicated, shall chant or say:











Here shall follow the PROPER PREFACE, *according to the time, if there be any specially appointed, or else immediately shall follow,* THEREFORE WITH ANGELS, *etc.*

Proper Prefaces.

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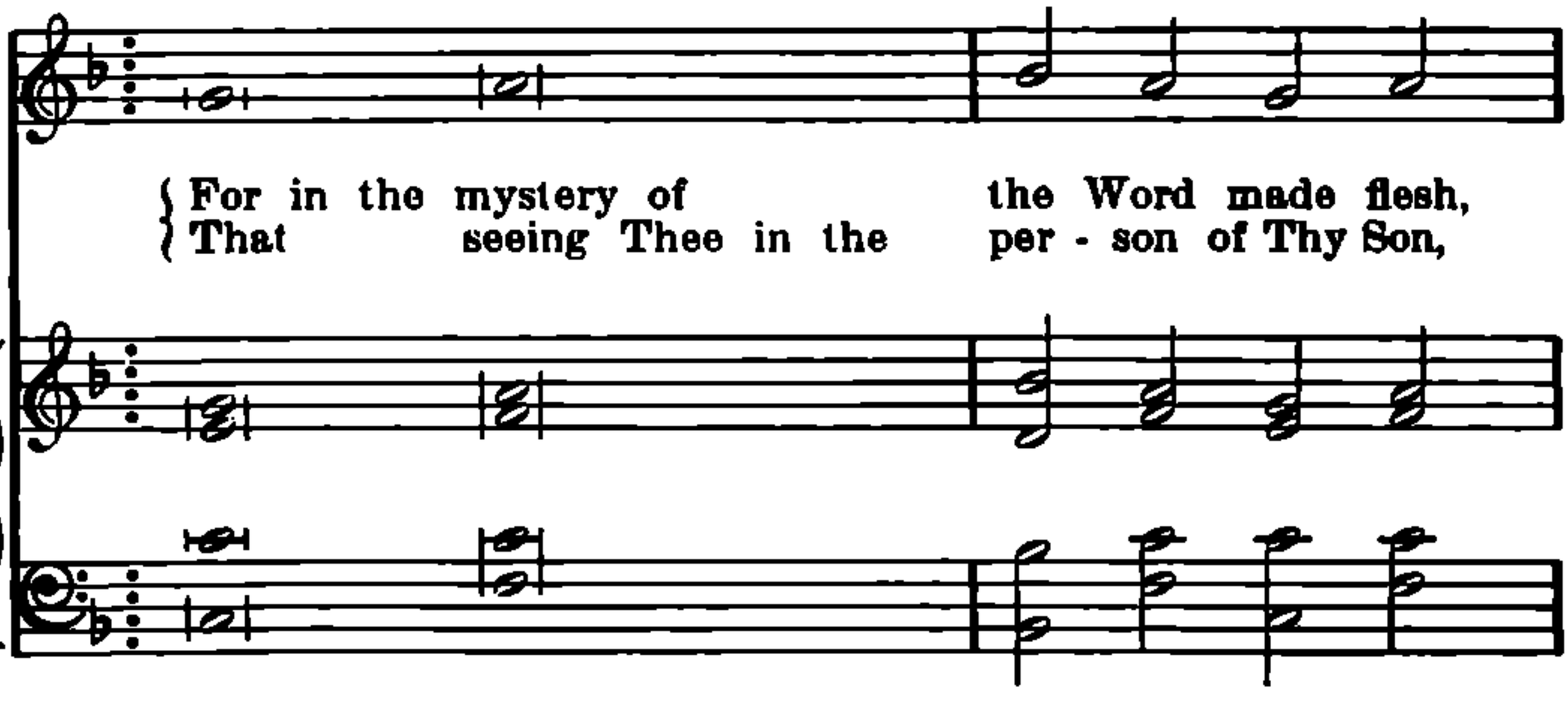

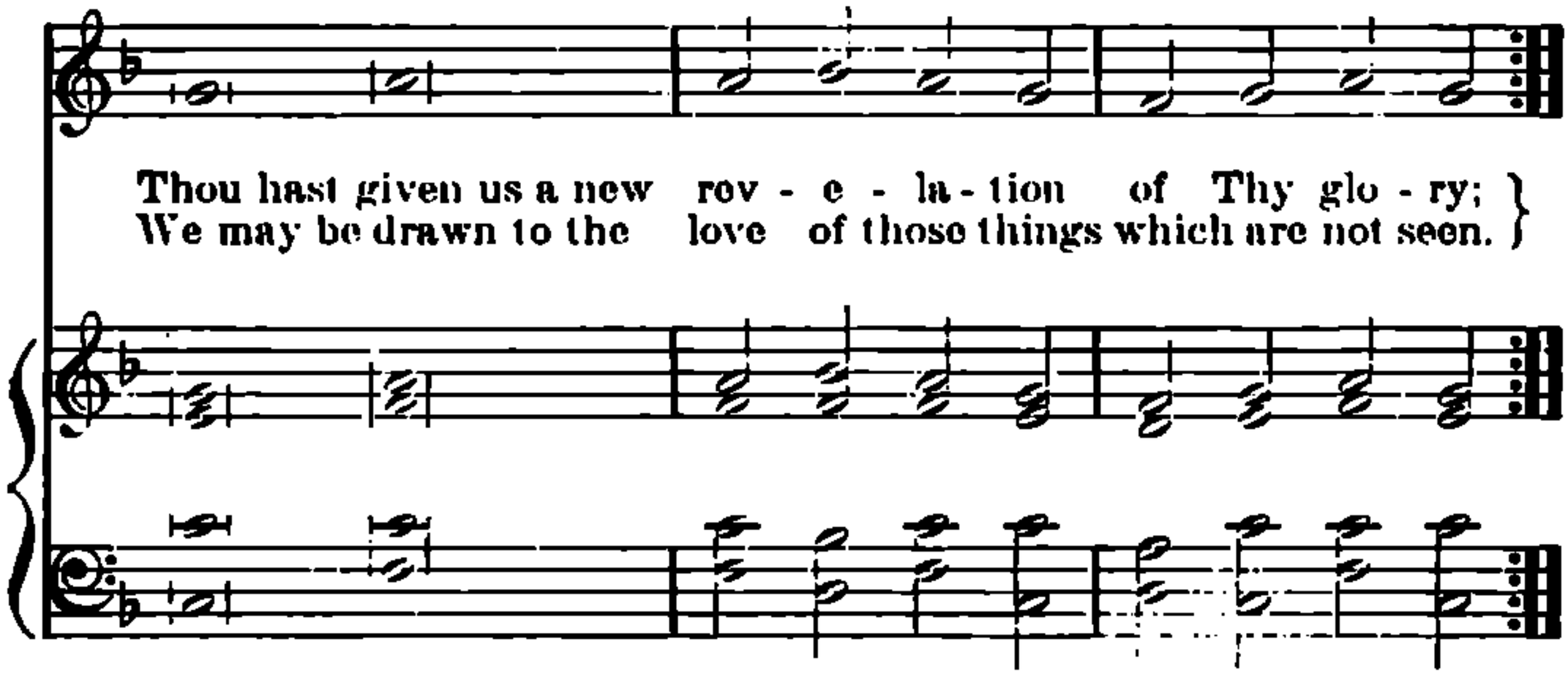

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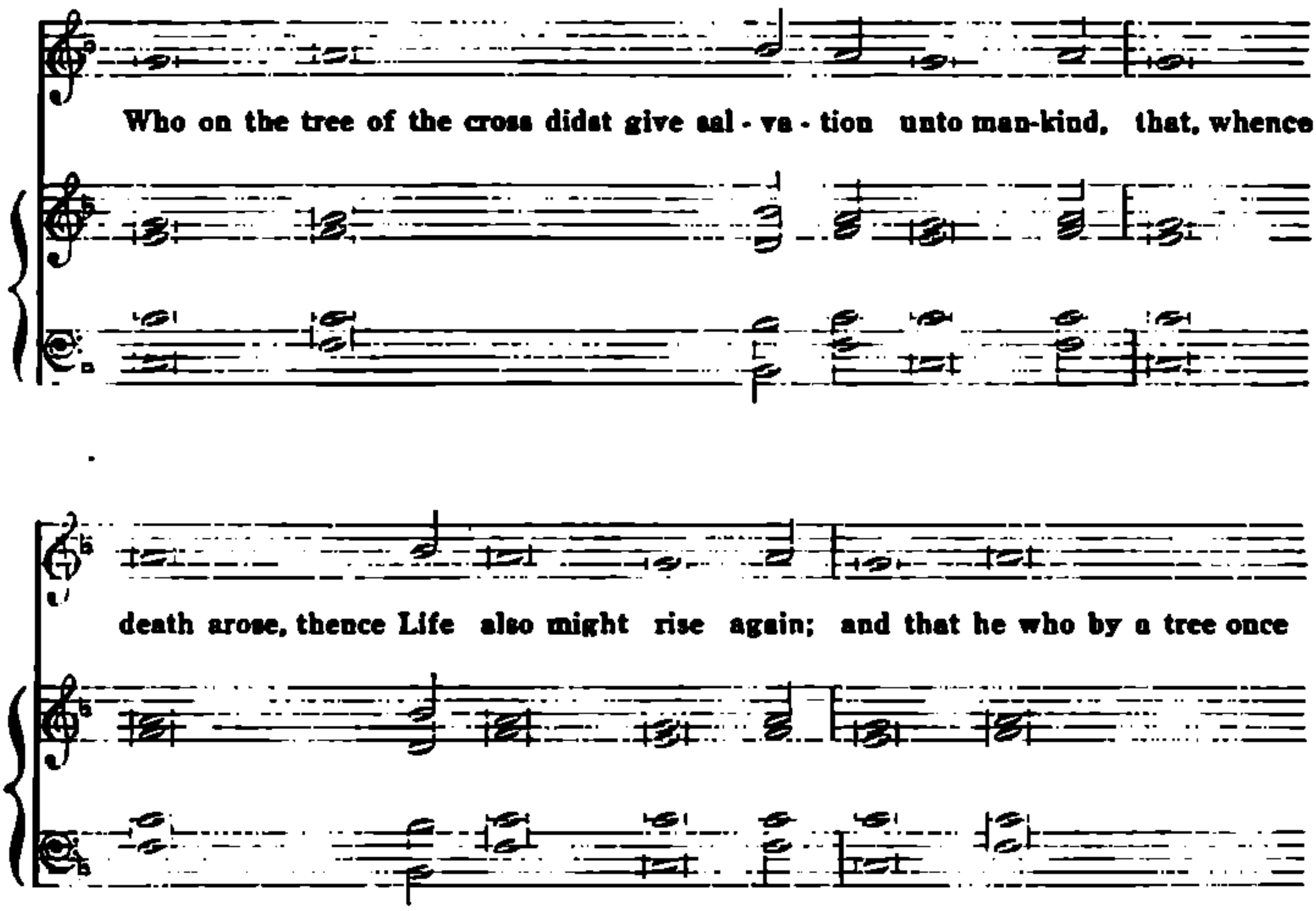

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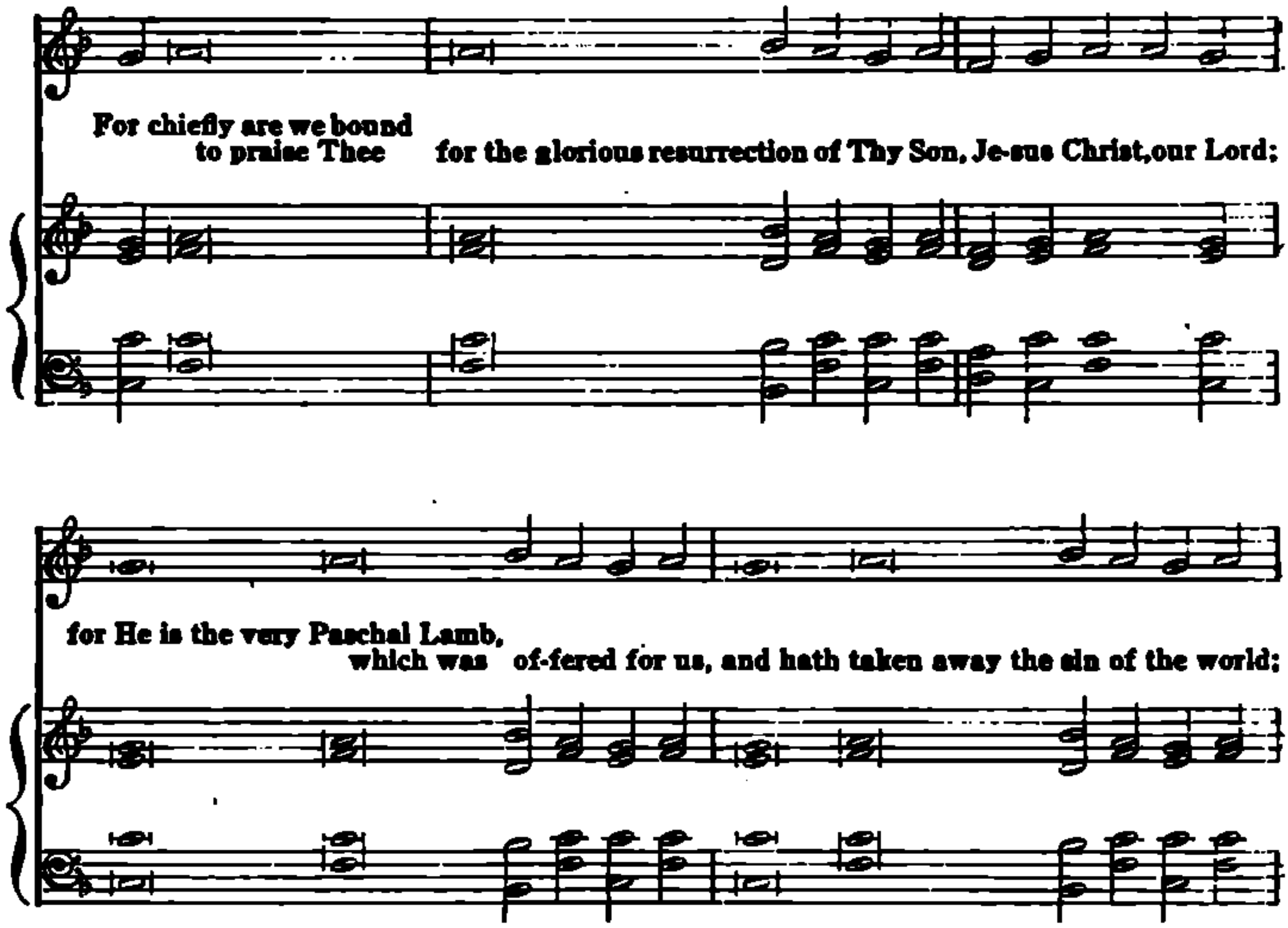

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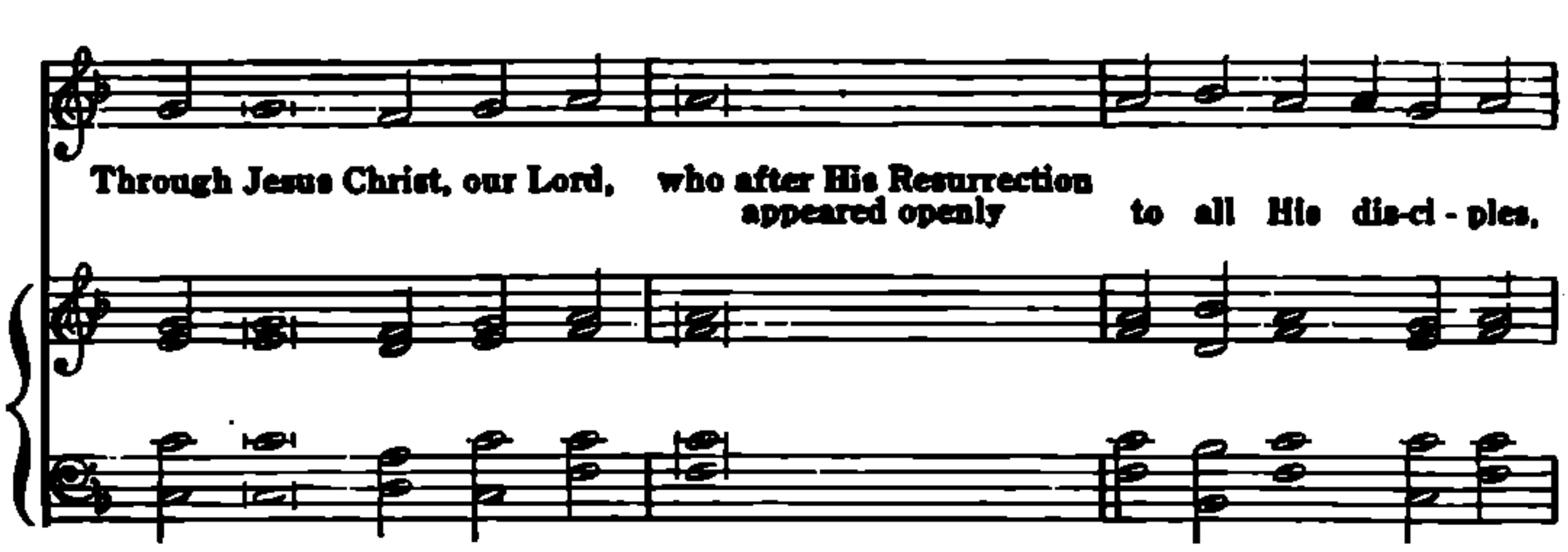


and in their sight
was taken up to heaven, that He might make us partakers of His di-vine na-ture.

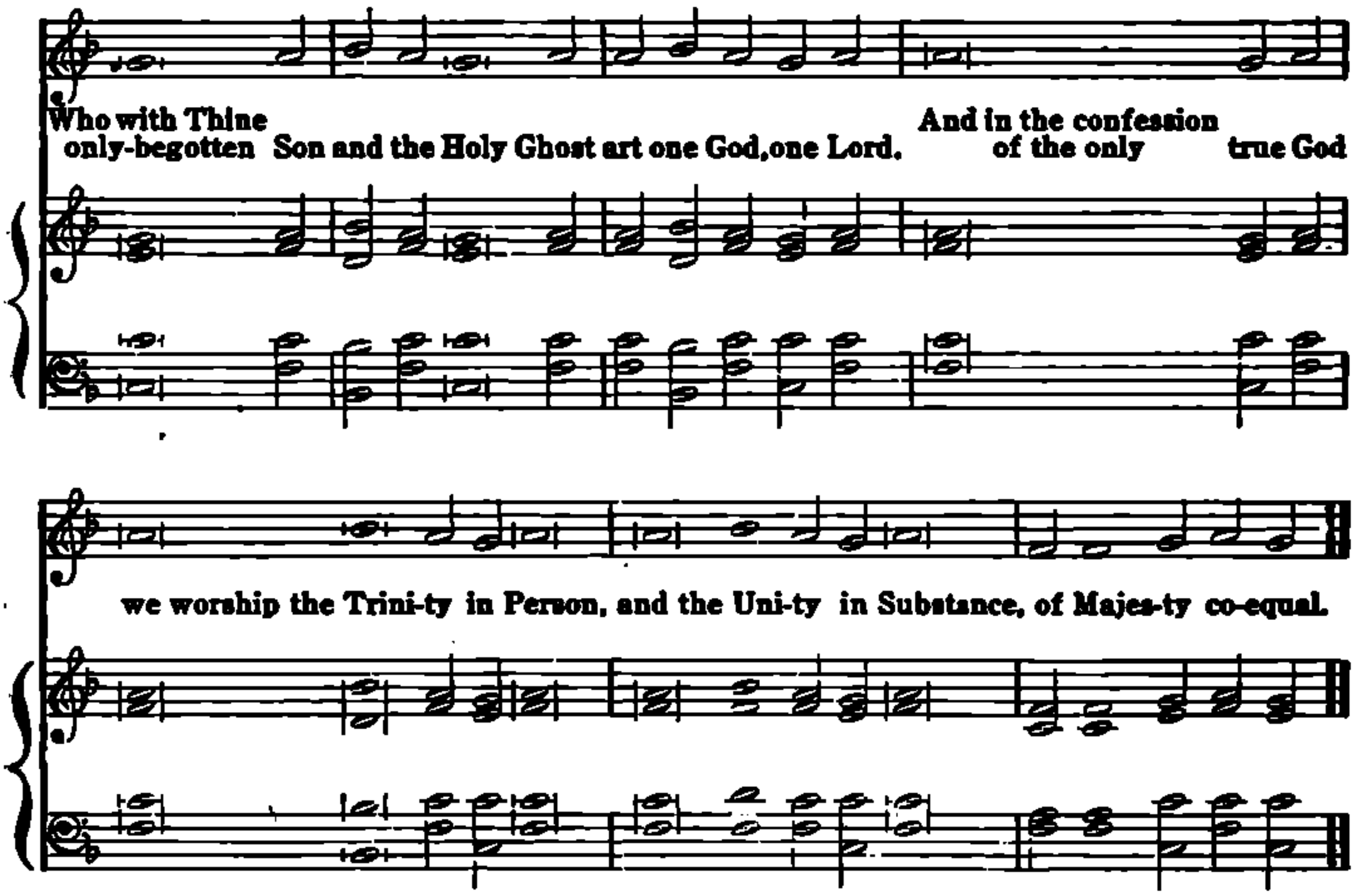
FOR WHITSUNDAY.

Through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascended above the heavens,

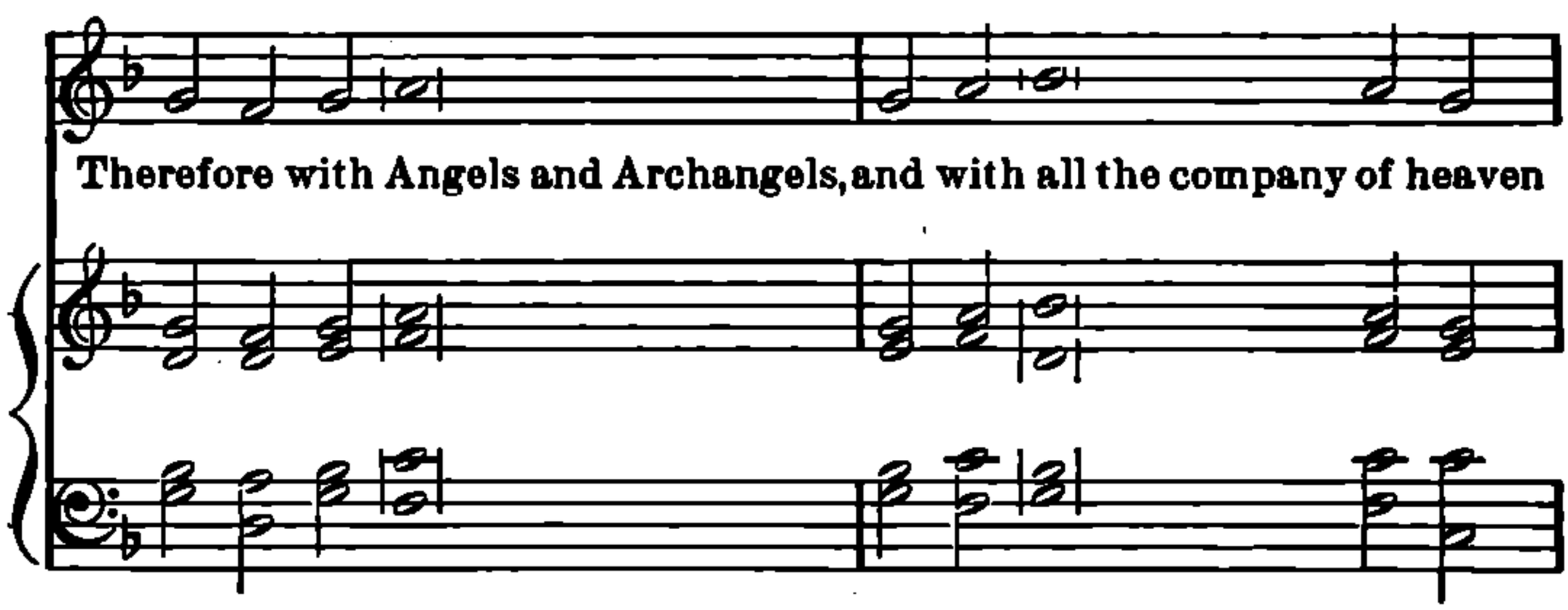
and, sitting at Thy right hand, poured out on this day the Ho - ly Spirit, as He had promised,

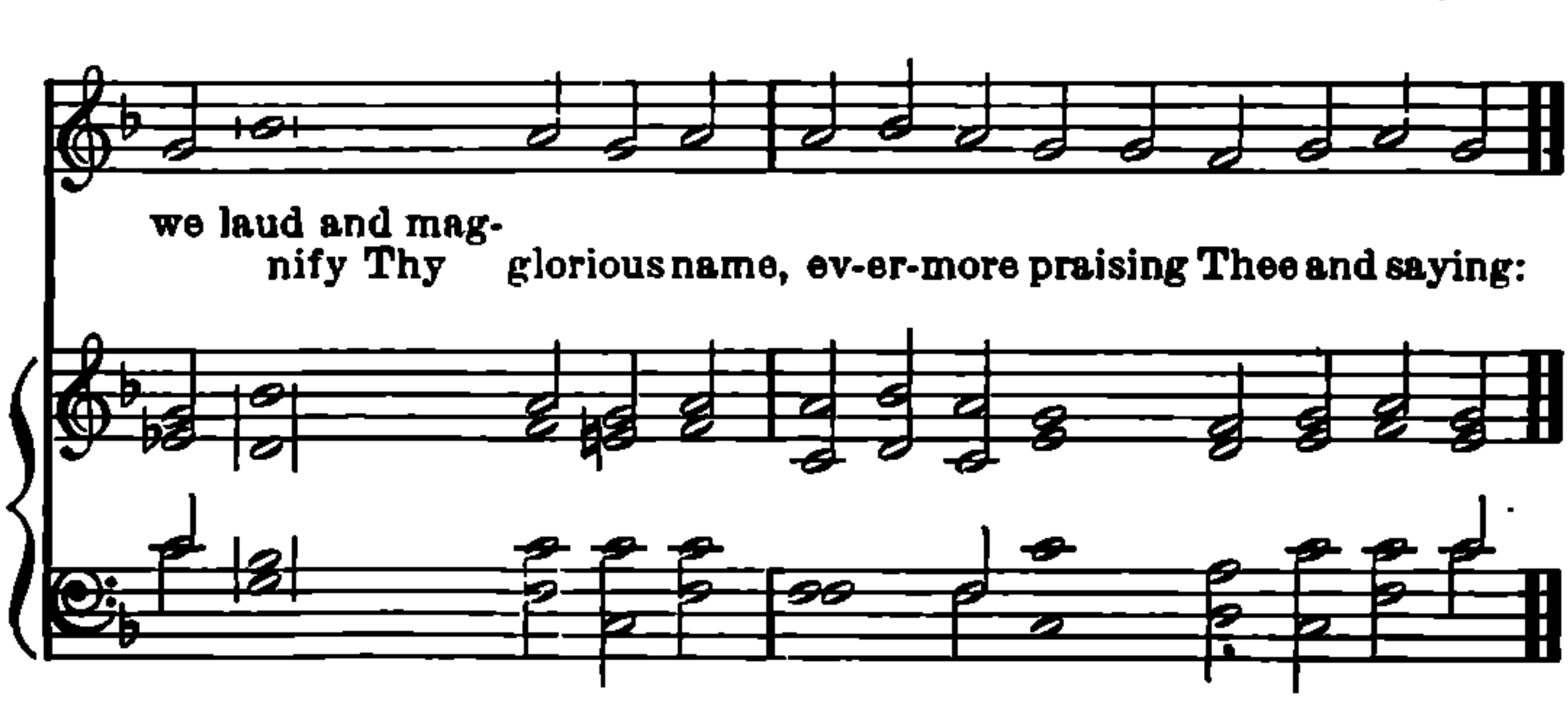
upon the chosen dis-ciples; whereat the whole earth rejoices with ex - ceed-ing joy.

FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE TRINITY.



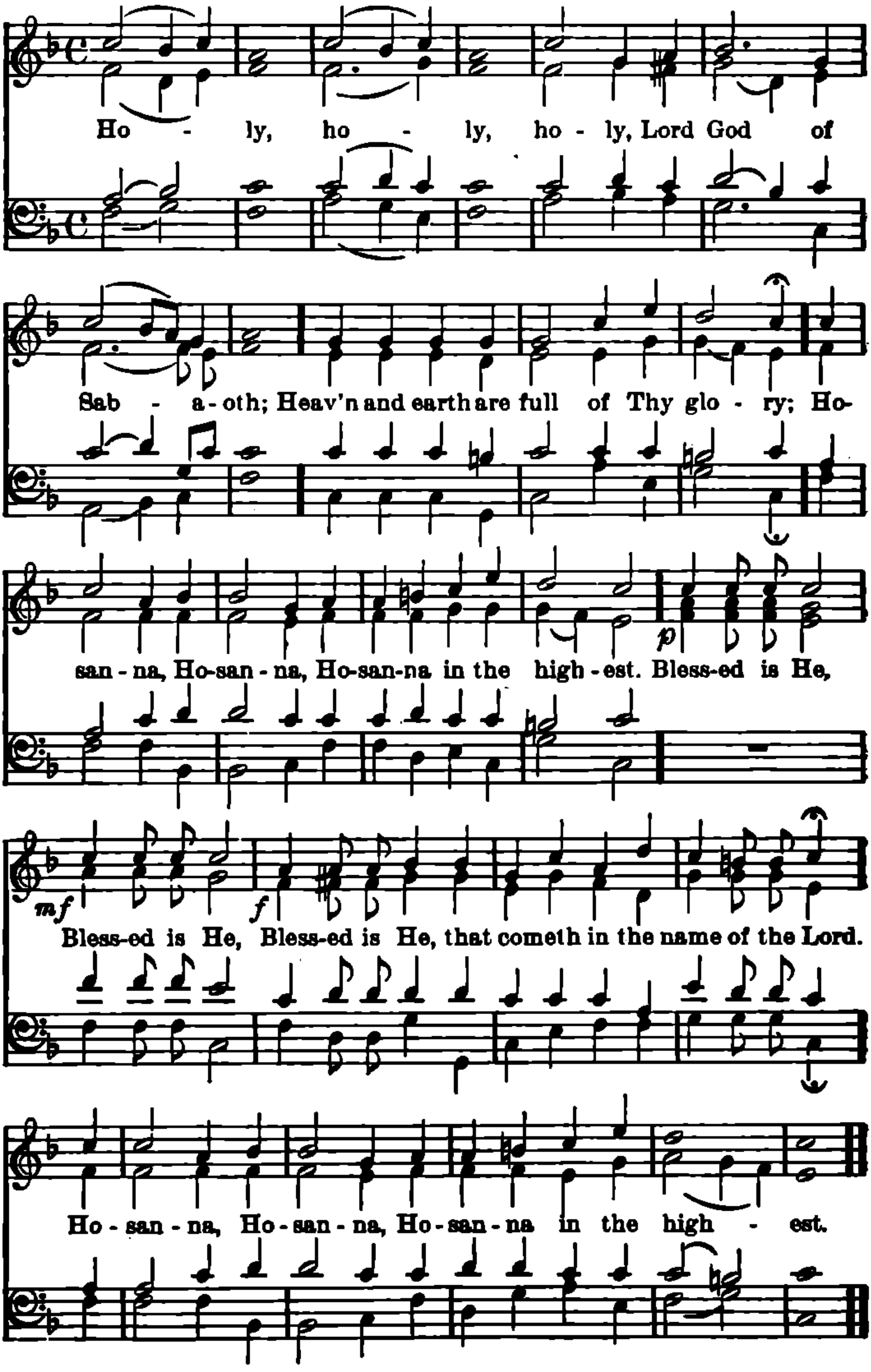
After the PROPER PREFACE *shall follow immediately:*





Then shall be chanted or sung the

Sanctus.



Then may the Minister give this EXHORTATION.

The Exhortation.

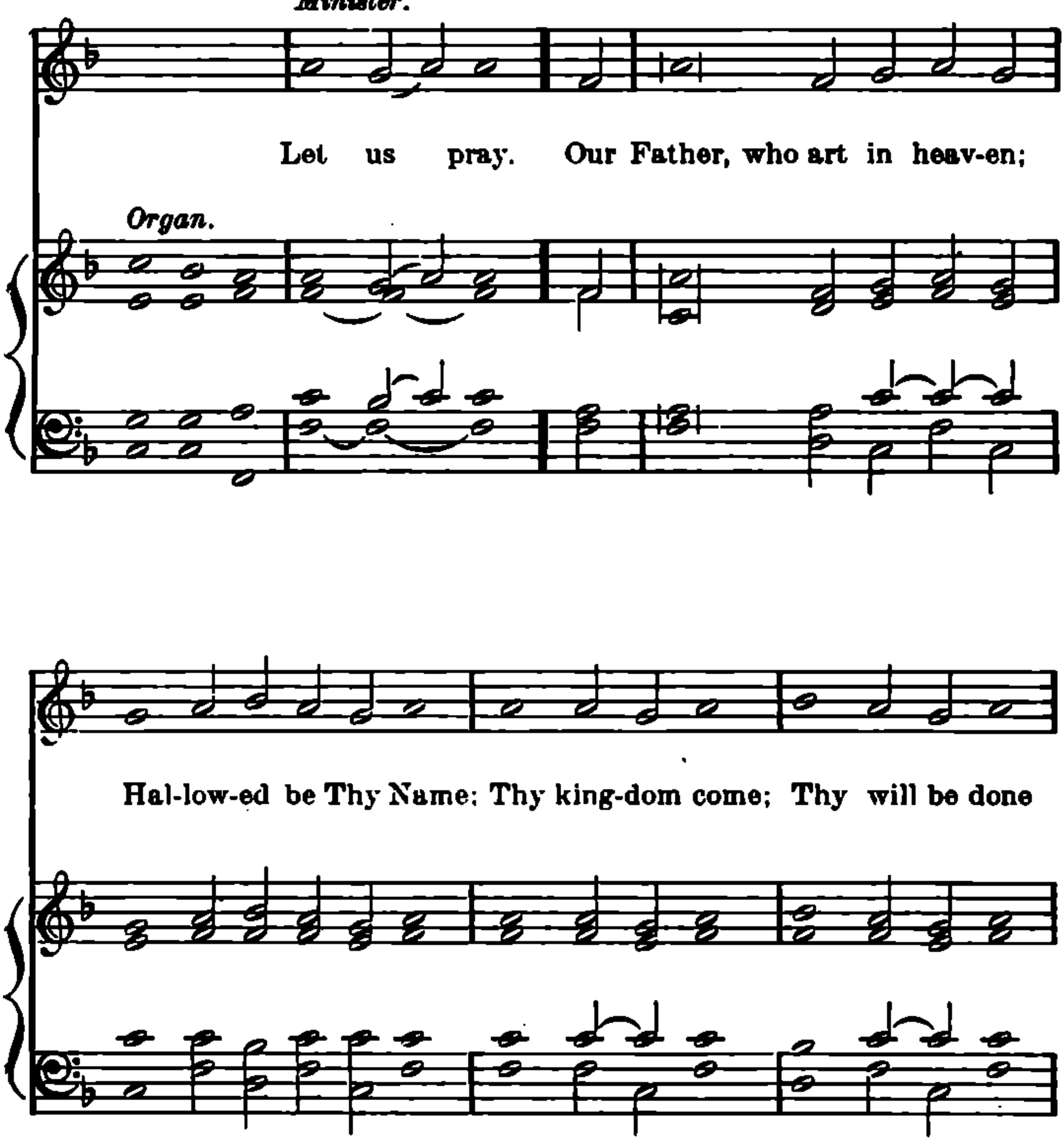
(*For full text see Liturgy, page 12; Hymn Book, page 12.*)

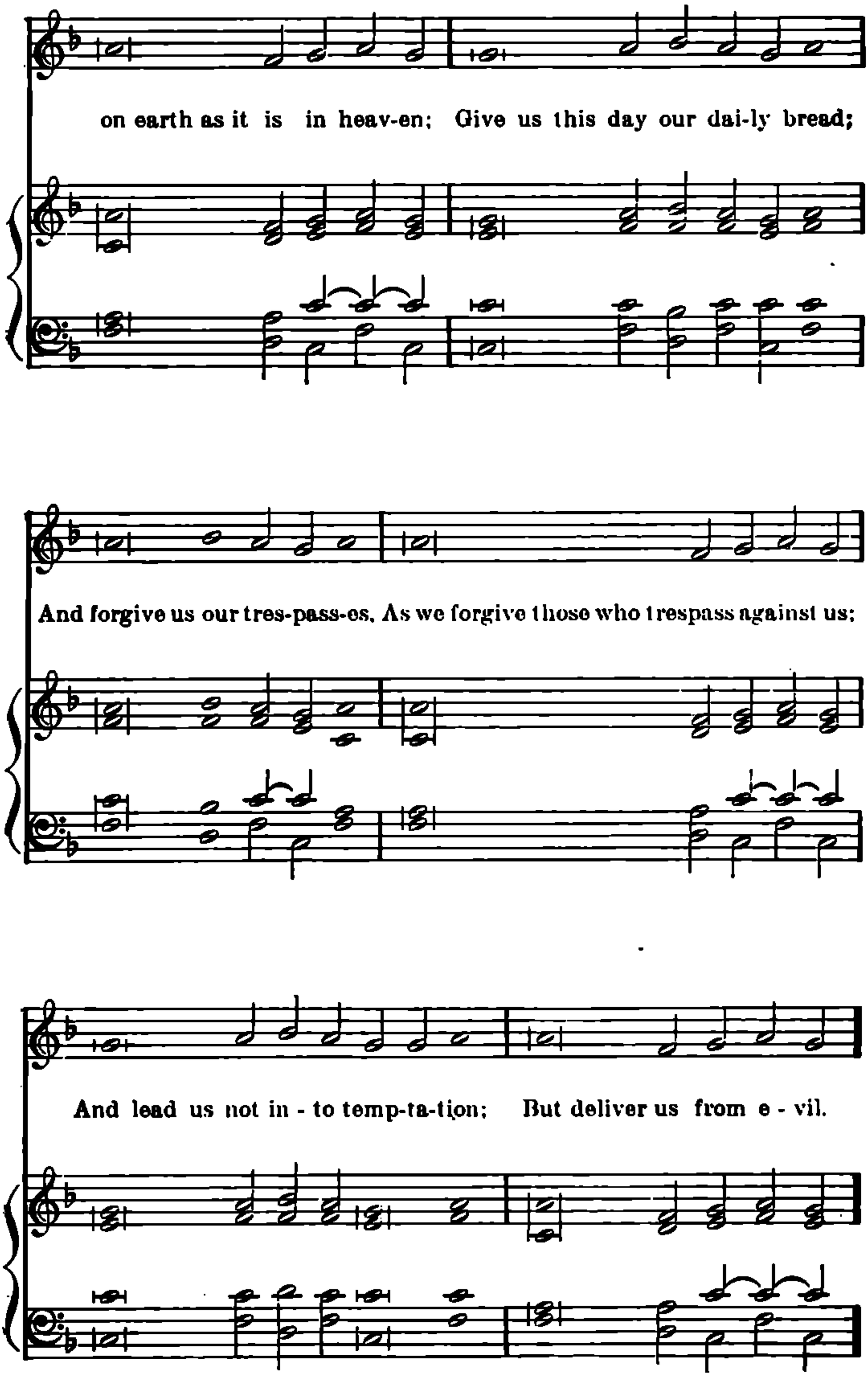
Dearly Beloved! Forasmuch as we purpose to come to the Holy Supper of * * * all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread, and drink of this one cup.

Then the Minister, turning to the Altar, shall say or chant

The Lord's Prayer.

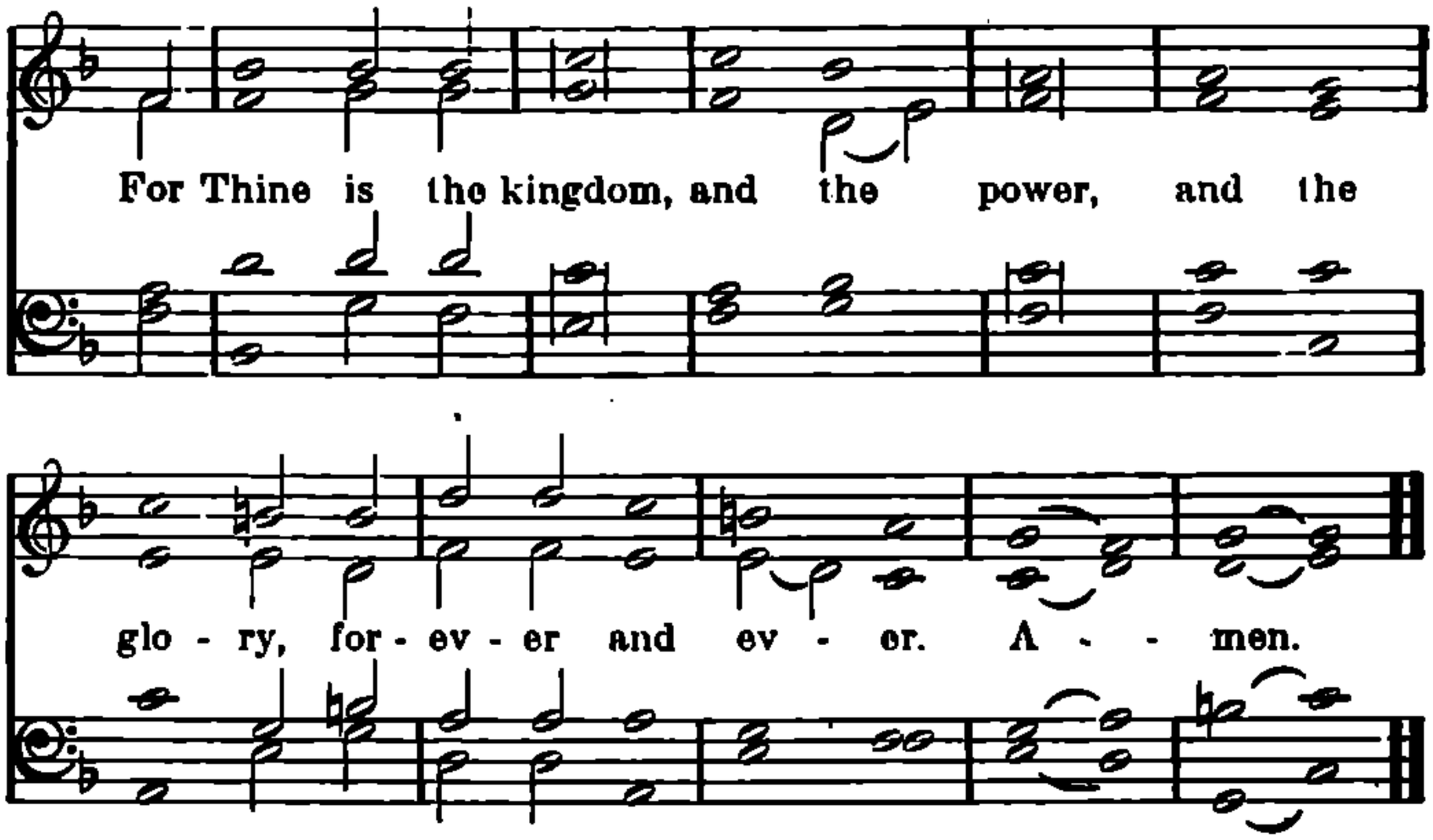
Bugenhagen Form, 1528.




on earth as it is in heav-en; Give us this day our dai-ly bread;
And forgive us our tres-pass-es, As we forgive those who trespass against us:
And lead us not in - to temp-ta-tion; But deliver us from e - vil.

Then shall the Congregation chant or say:

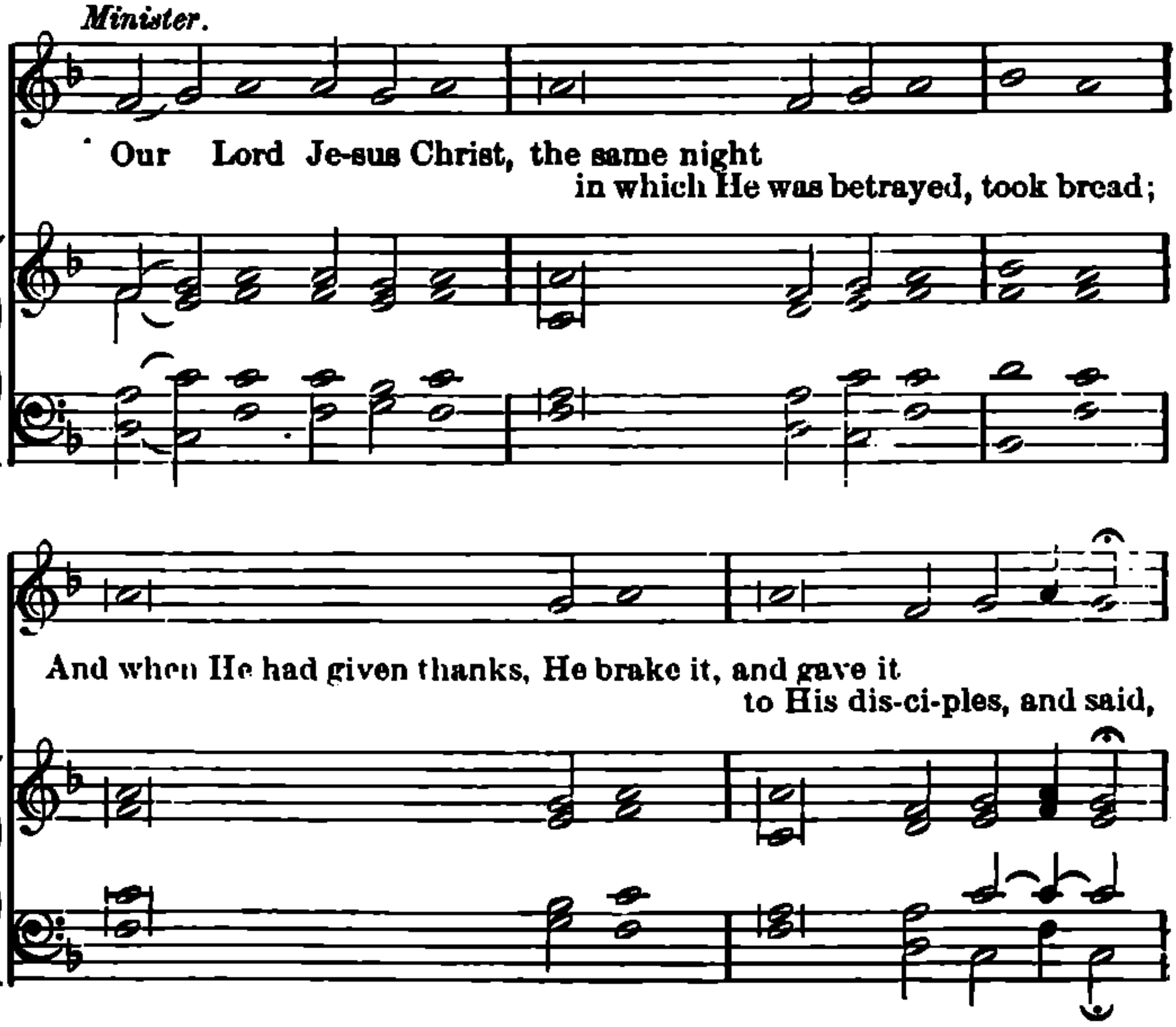
Congregation

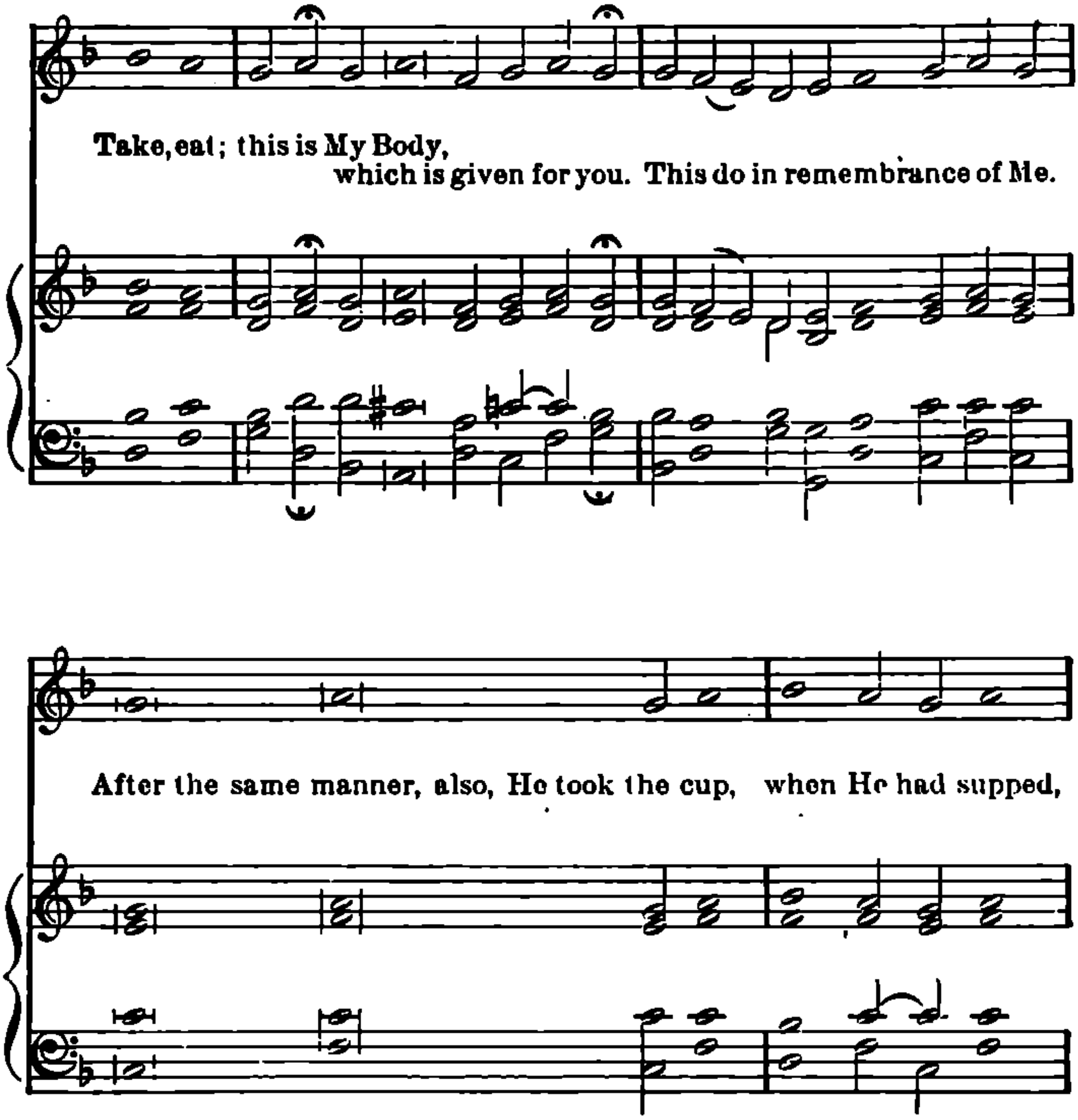


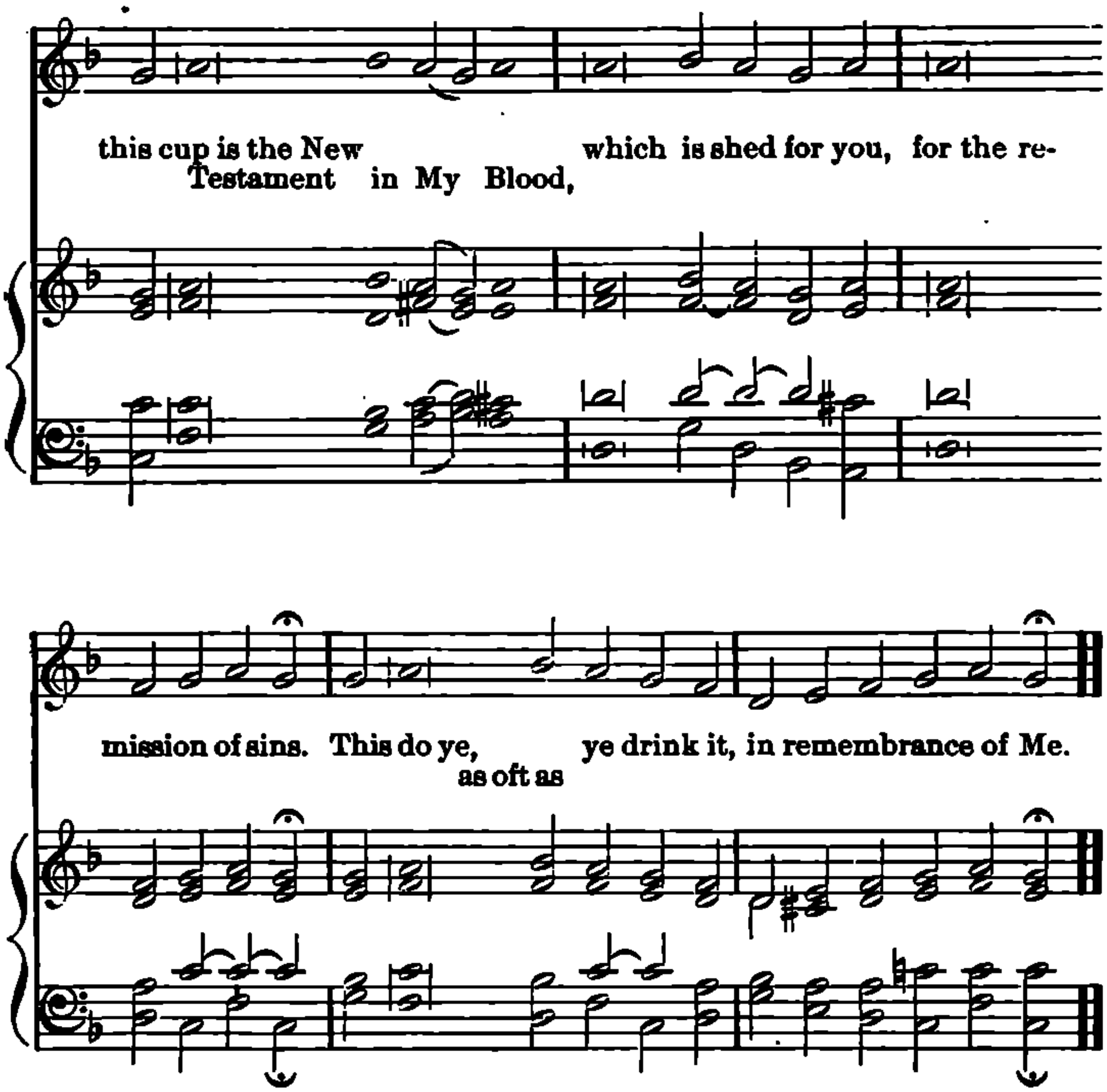
Then shall the Minister chant or say:

The Consecration.

Minister.

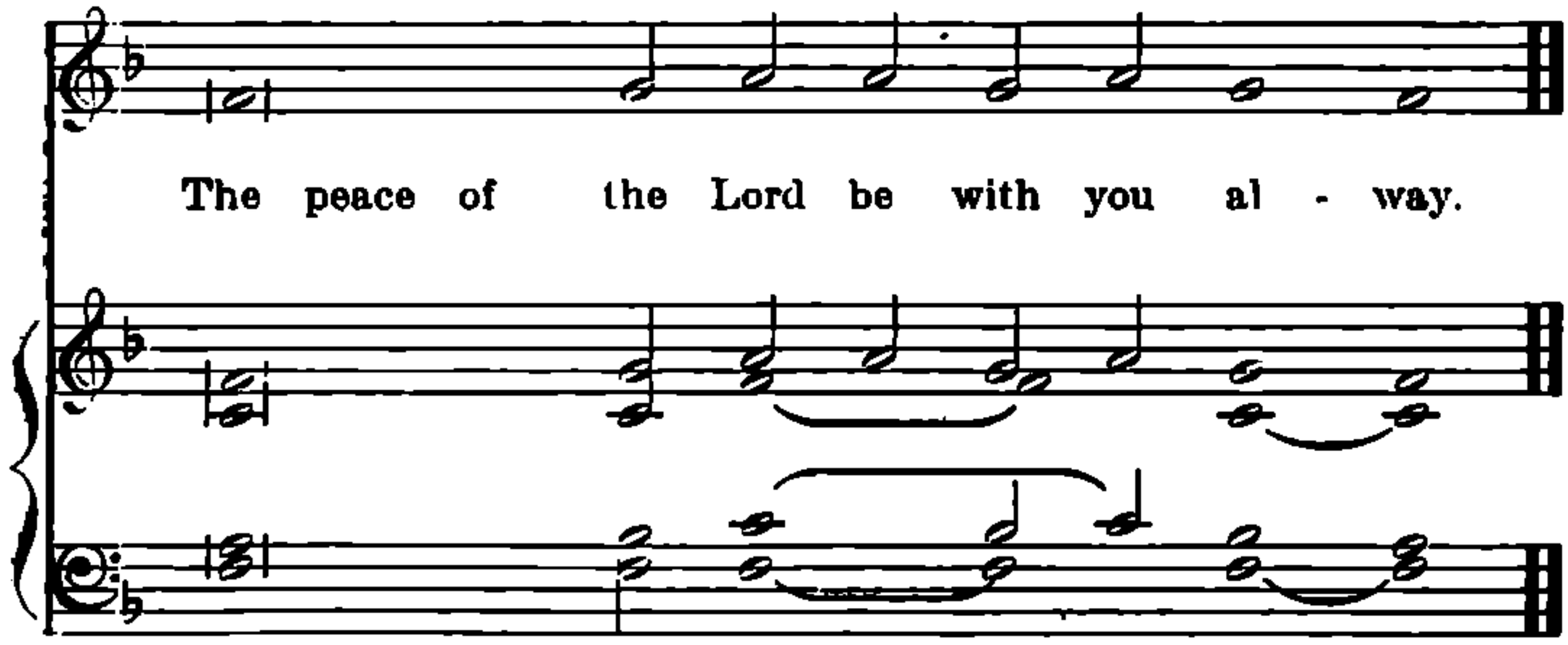



Take, eat; this is My Body,
which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.
After the same manner, also, He took the cup, when He had supped,
gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Take, drink ye all of it;



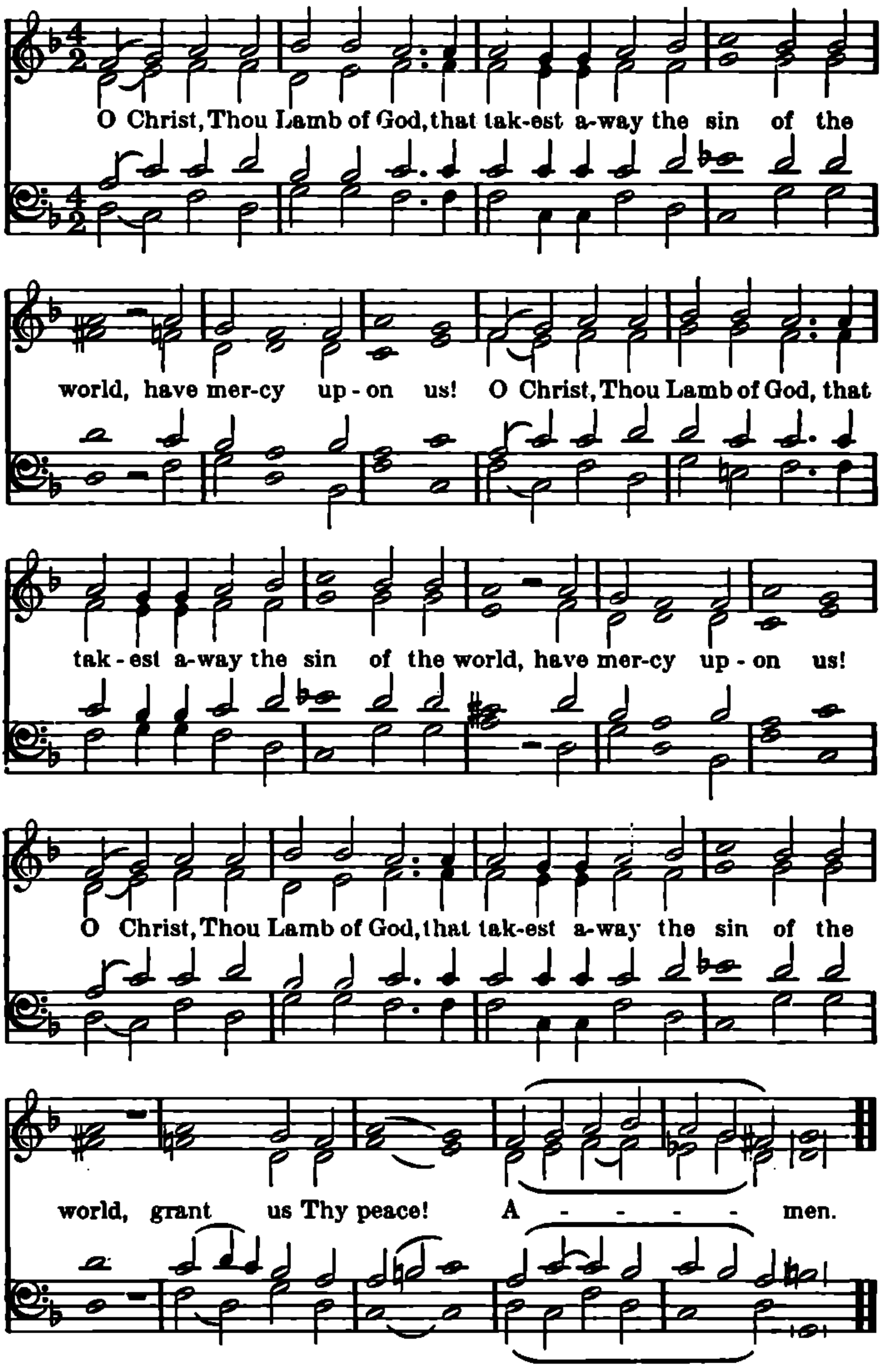
Then shall the Minister chant or say

The Pax Domini.



Then shall be sung or said the AGNUS DEI, *and the distribution shall begin.*

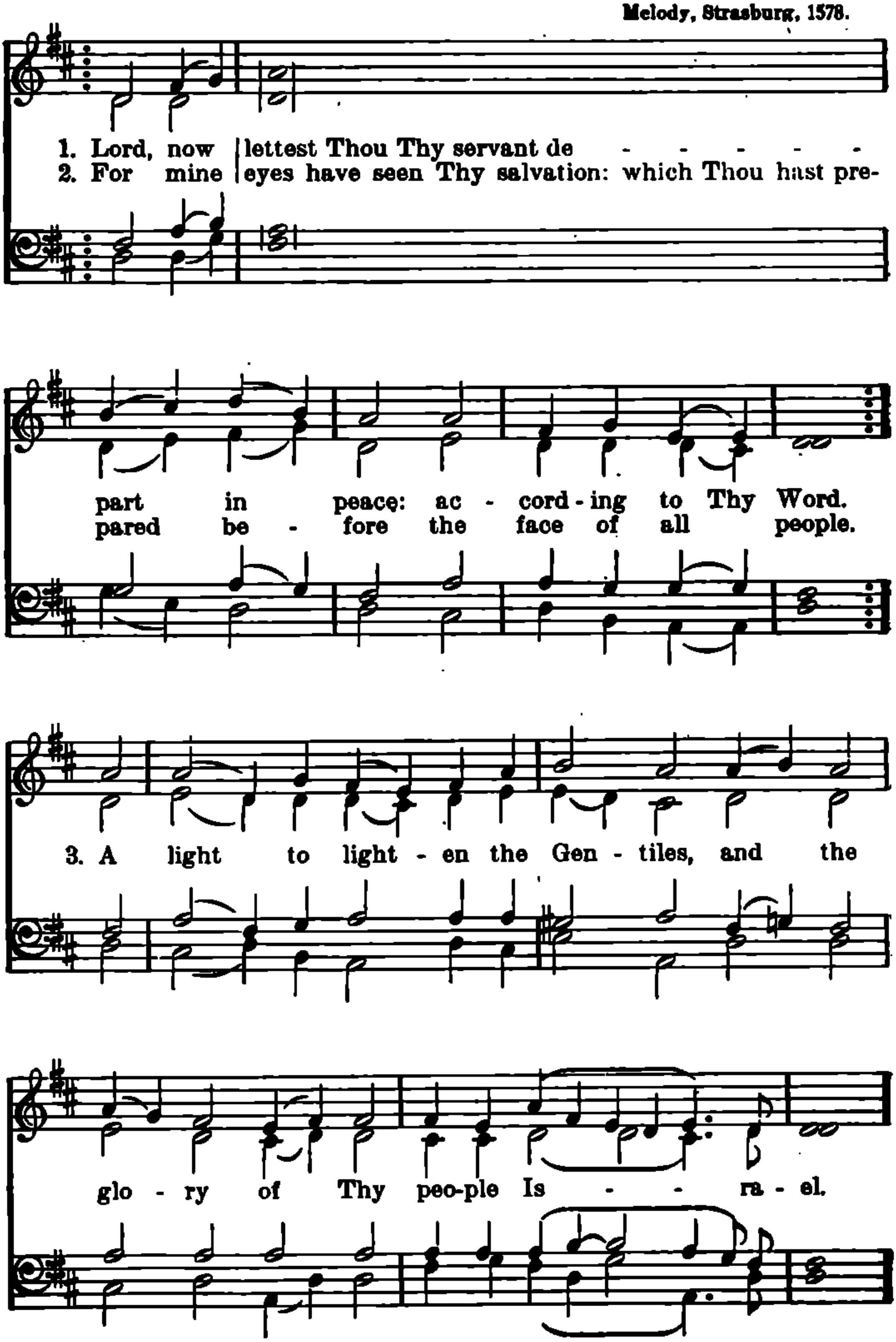
AGNUS DEI.

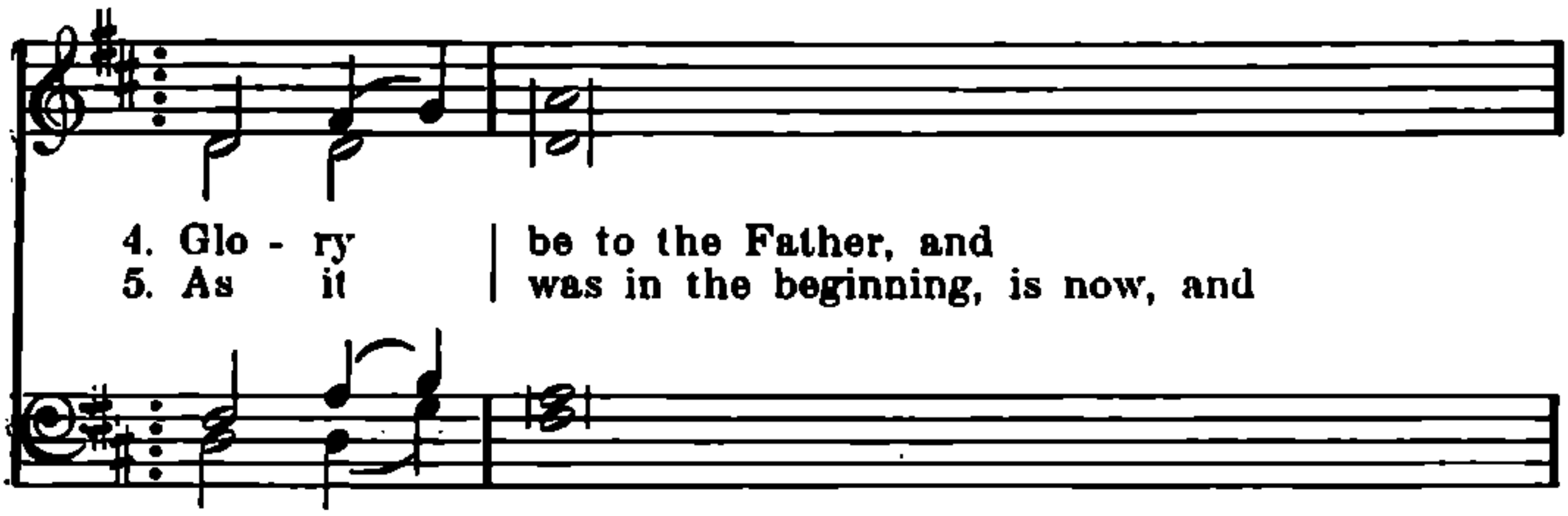


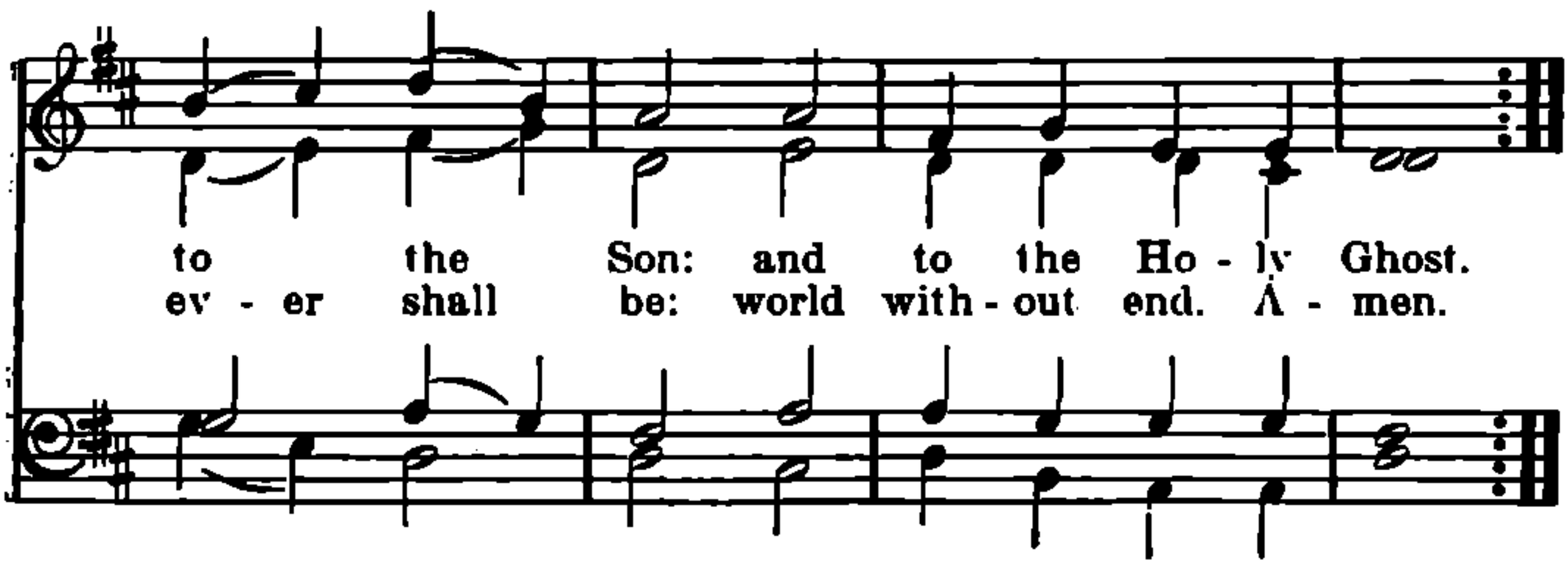
When all have communed (for Formula of Distribution see Liturgy, p. 13, 14; Hymn Book, p. 14), all standing, may be said or chanted the

Nunc Dimittis.

Melody, Strasburg, 1578.



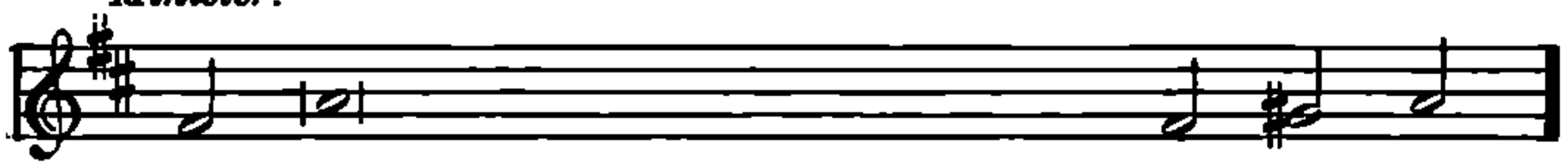




Then shall be chanted or said

The Thanksgiving.

Minister.



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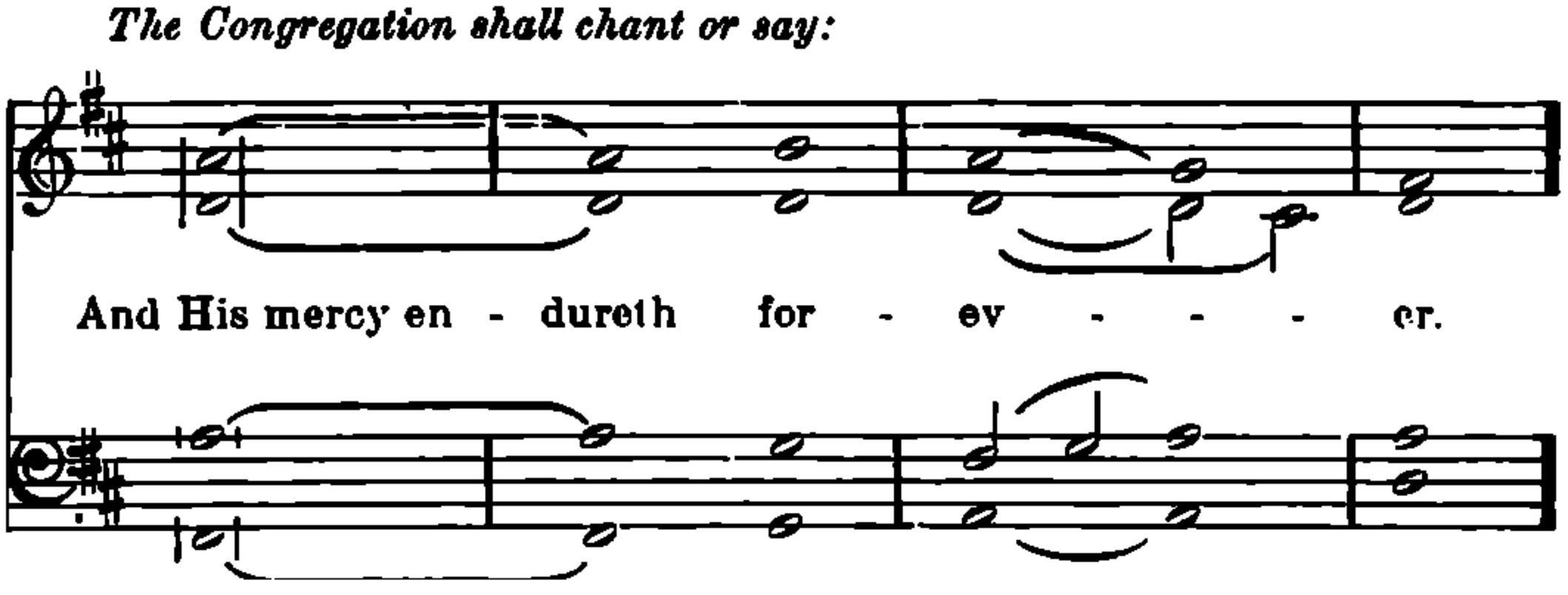
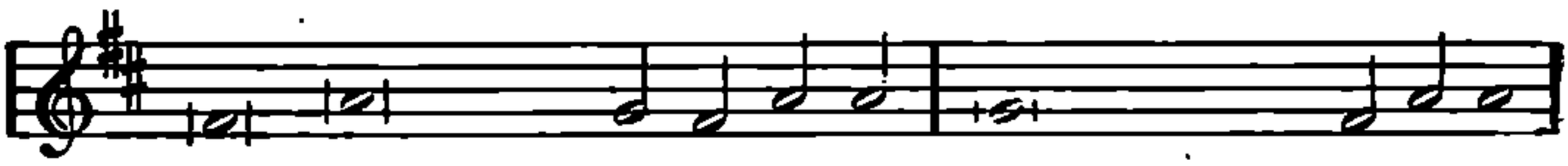
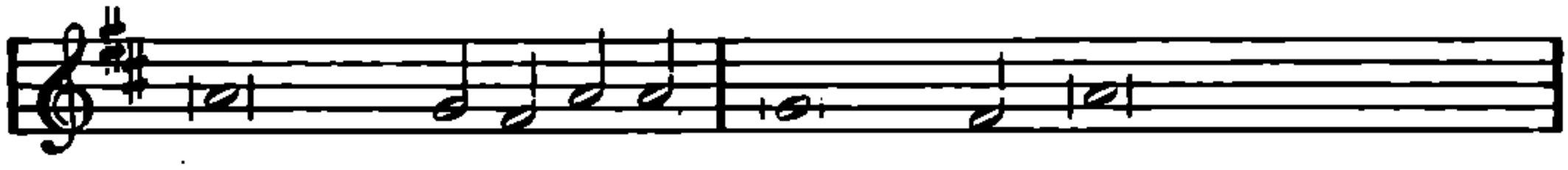
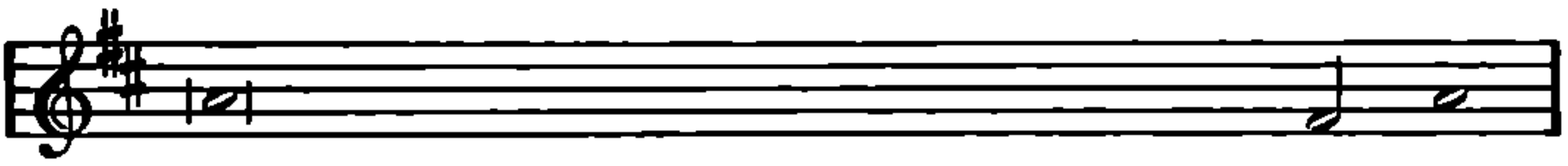
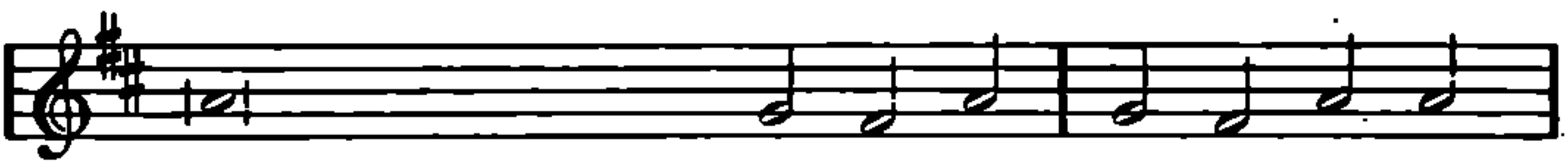


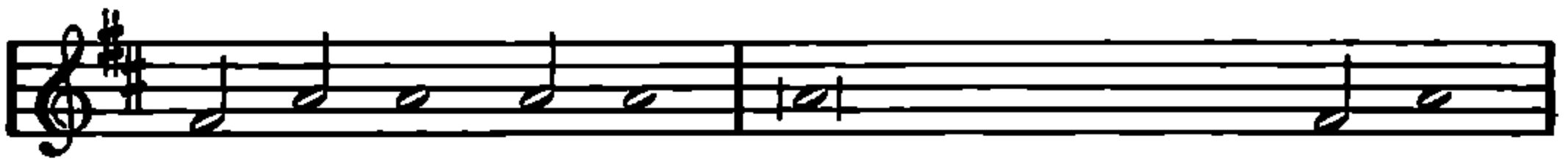
Then shall the Minister chant or say:

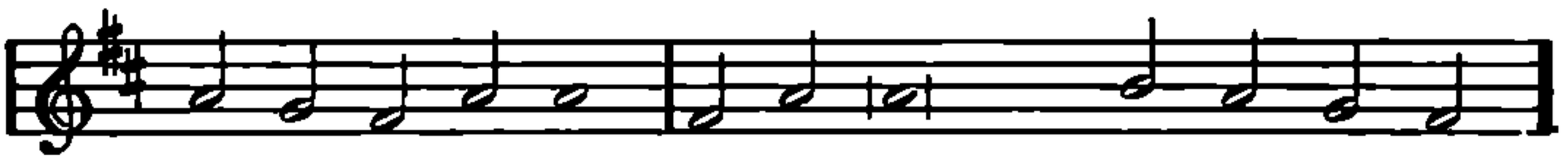












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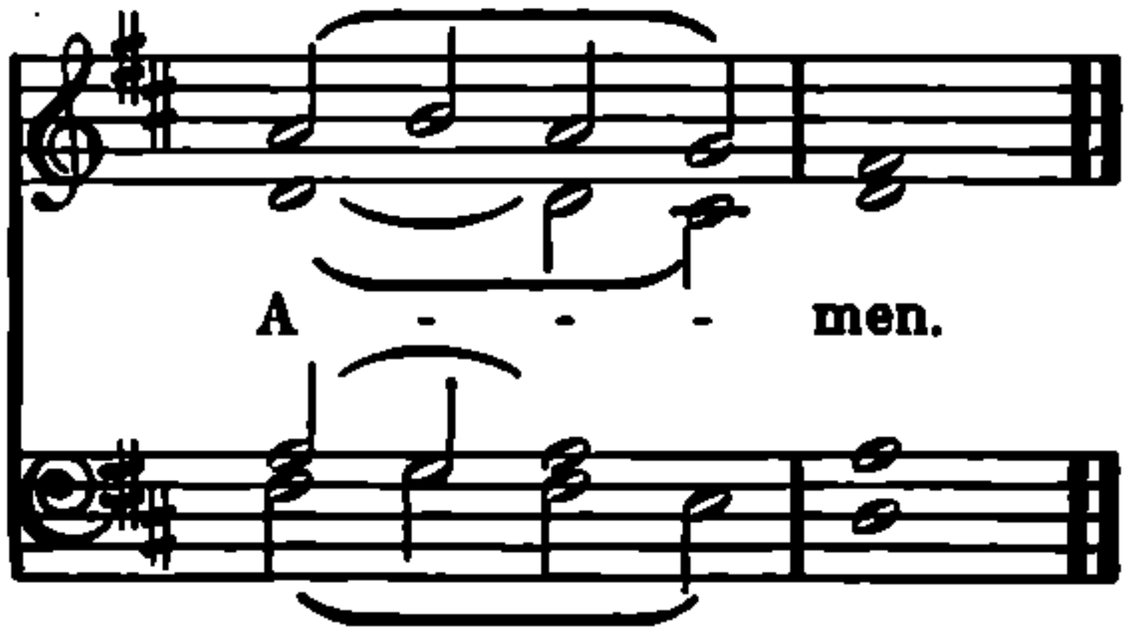
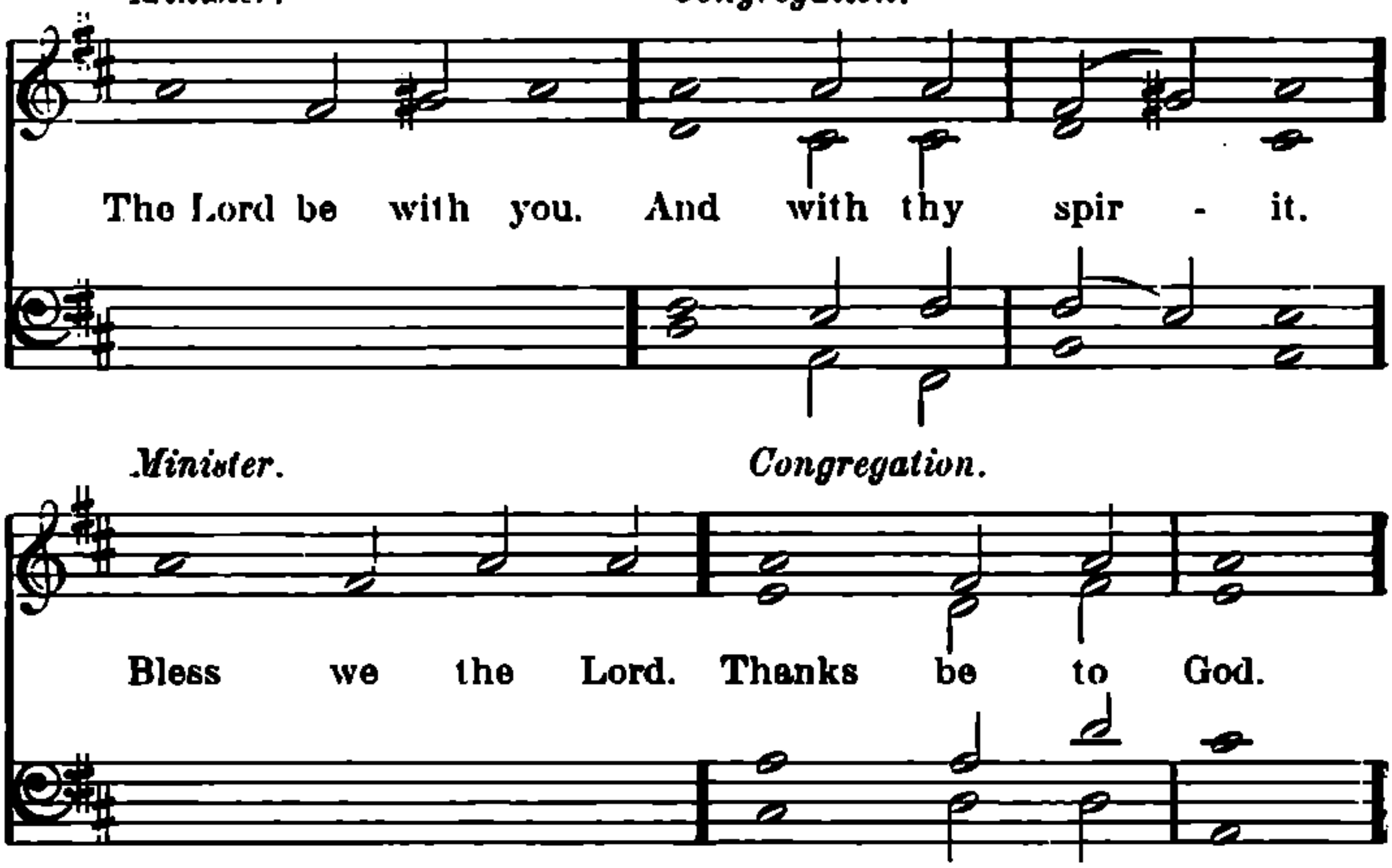


Then may be chanted or said the

Benedicamus.

Minister. *Congregation.*



Then shall the Minister say the BENEDICTION *as here followeth, or he may say the words* 2 COR. 13, 14.

After the Benediction the Congregation should offer silent prayer.

The Benediction.

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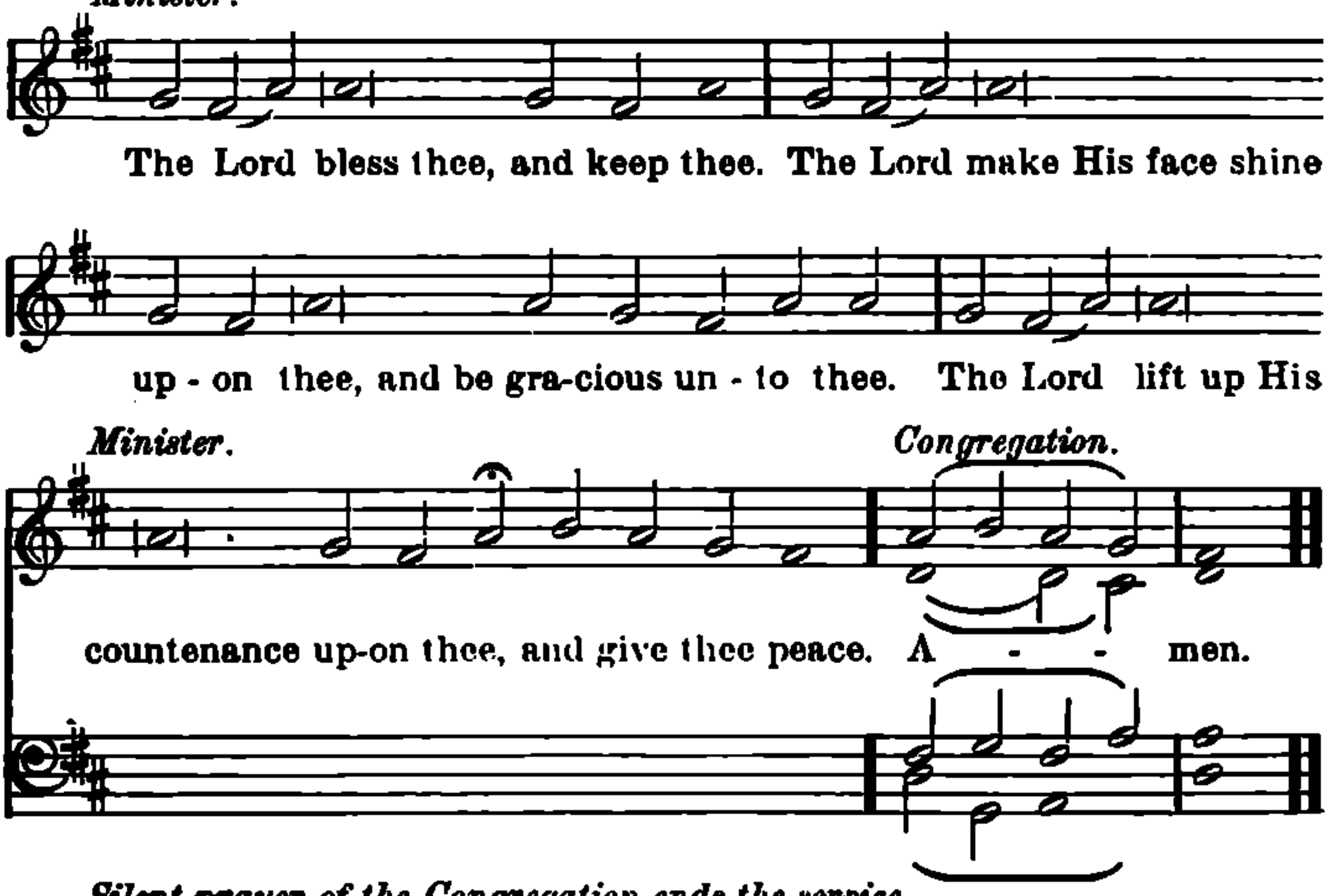


Silent prayer of the Congregation ends the service.

The Order of Morning Service.

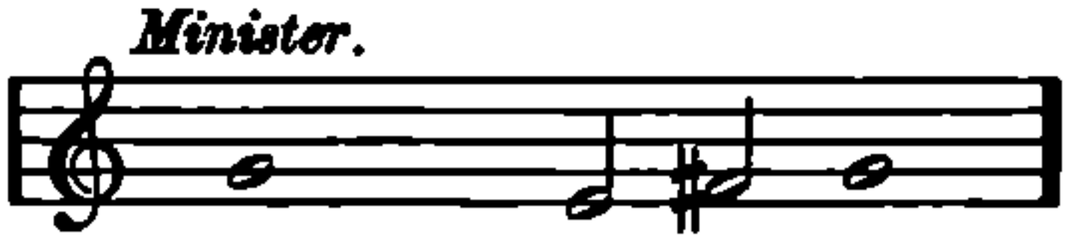
(Second Form.)

The Opening of the Service.

The service is opened with the singing of a Hymn of grace and mercy (Kyrie).

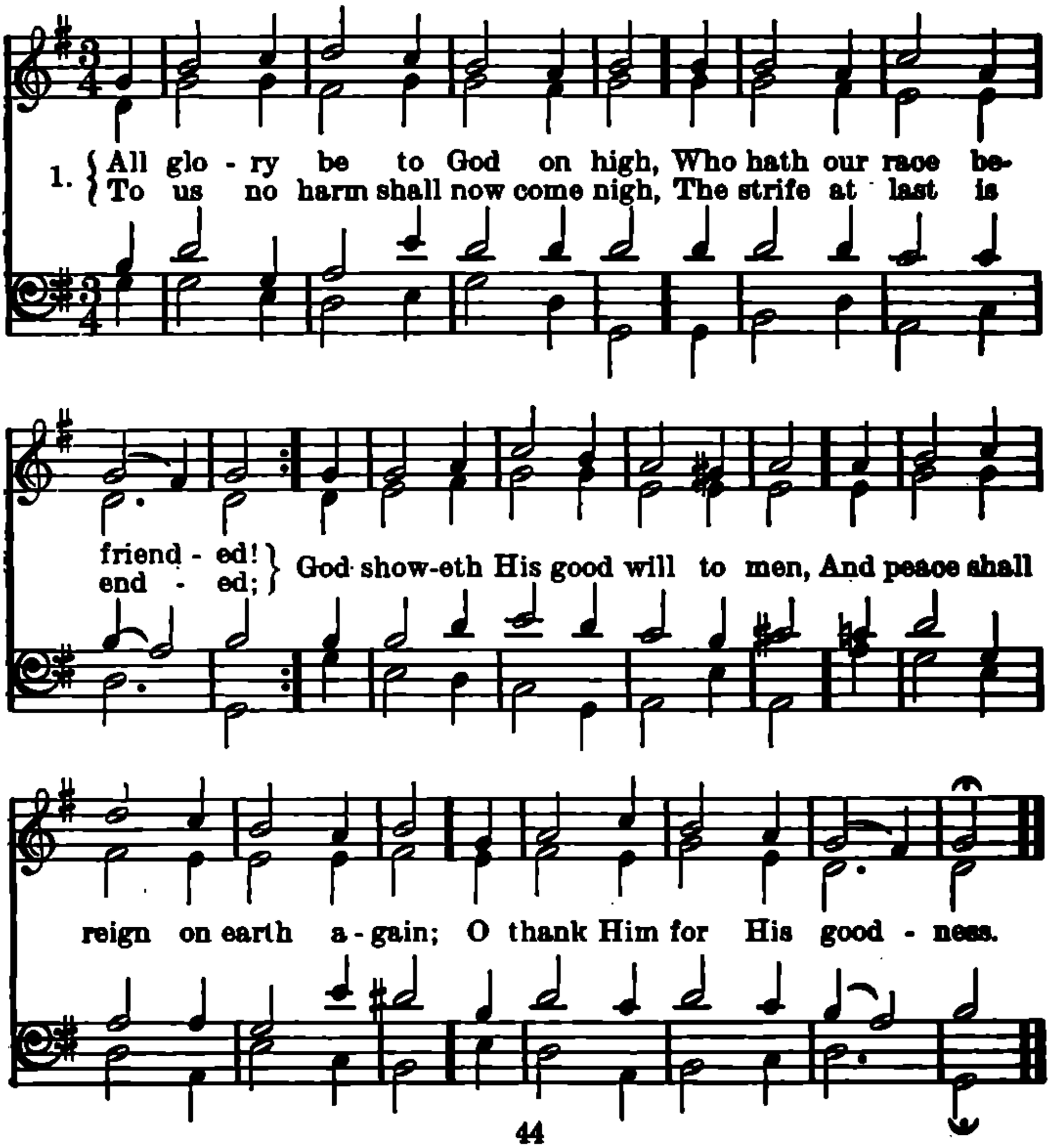
The Congregation shall rise, and the Minister, standing at the Altar, shall chant or say:

Minister.



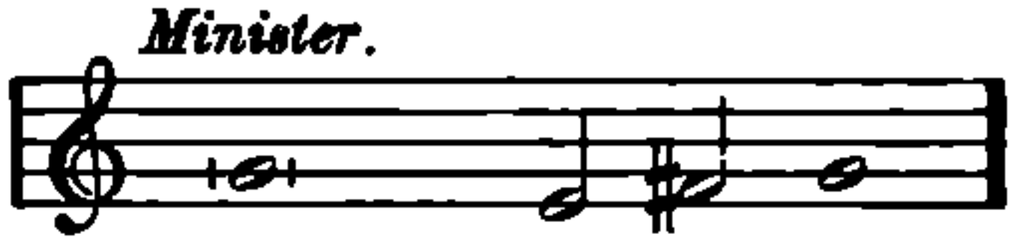
Glory be to God on high!

The Congregation shall respond by singing: (*Hymn Book, No. 261.*)



The Salutation and Collect.

The Minister, again facing the Congregation at the close of the Hymn, shall chant or say:



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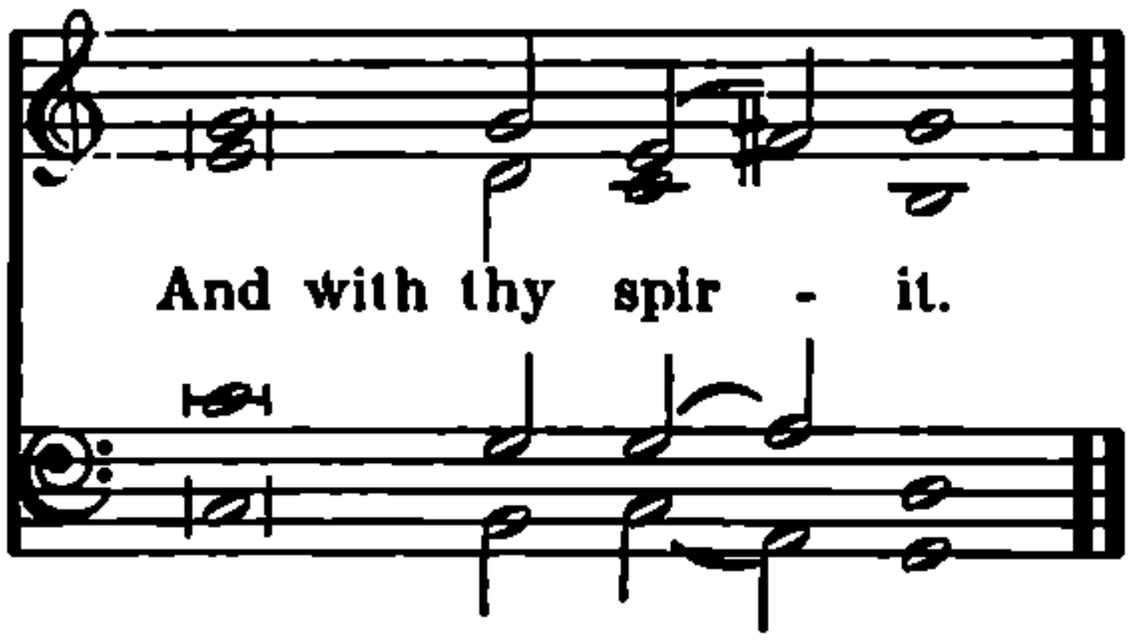
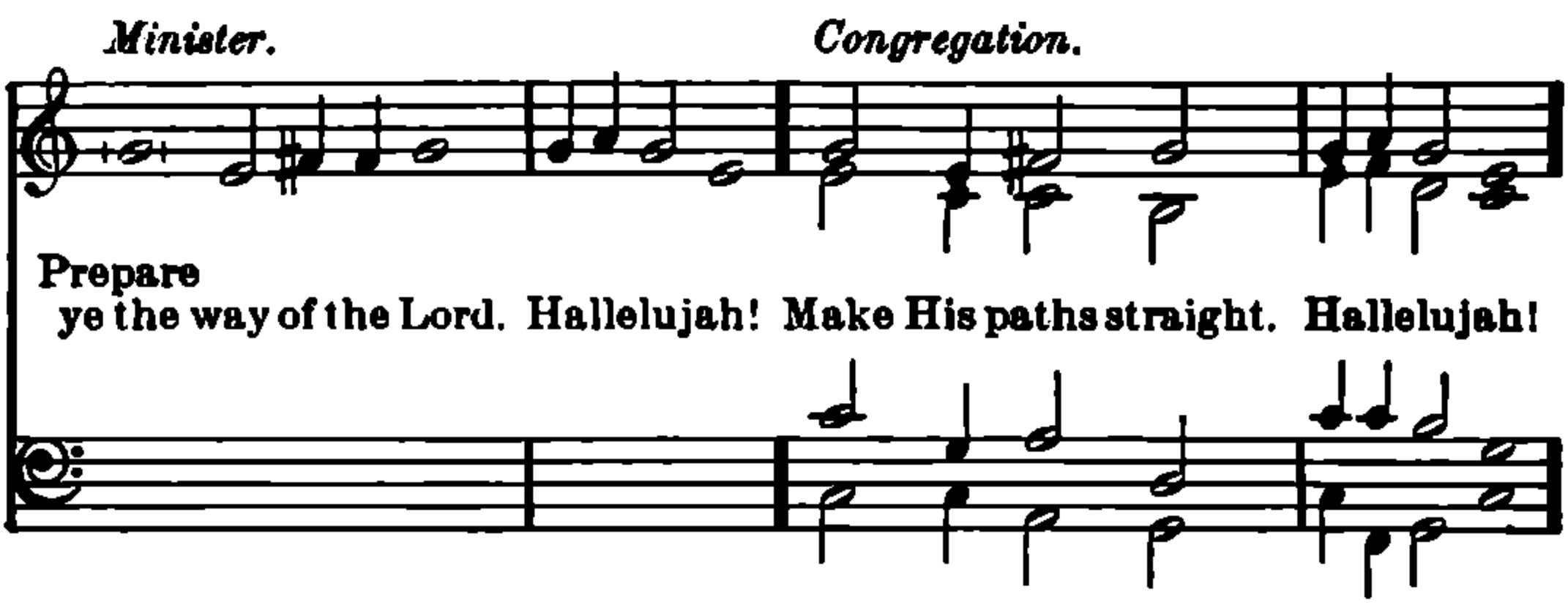
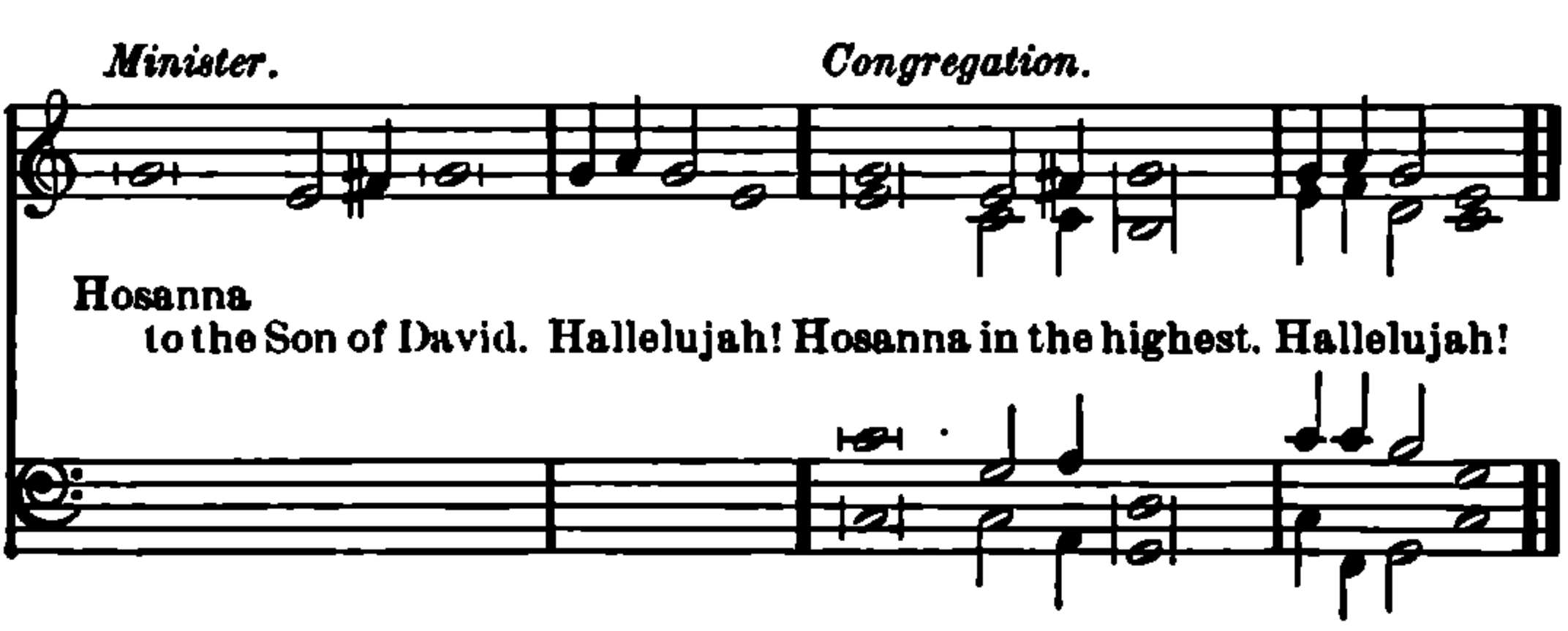
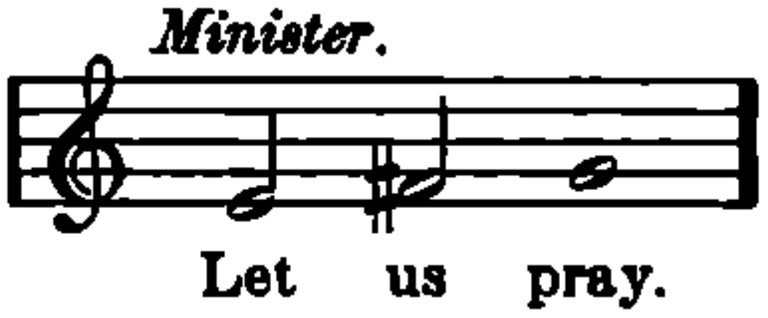


Then the Minister, facing the Altar, shall chant or say some suitable versicle, or antiphon, two on festival days, e. g., on Advent:



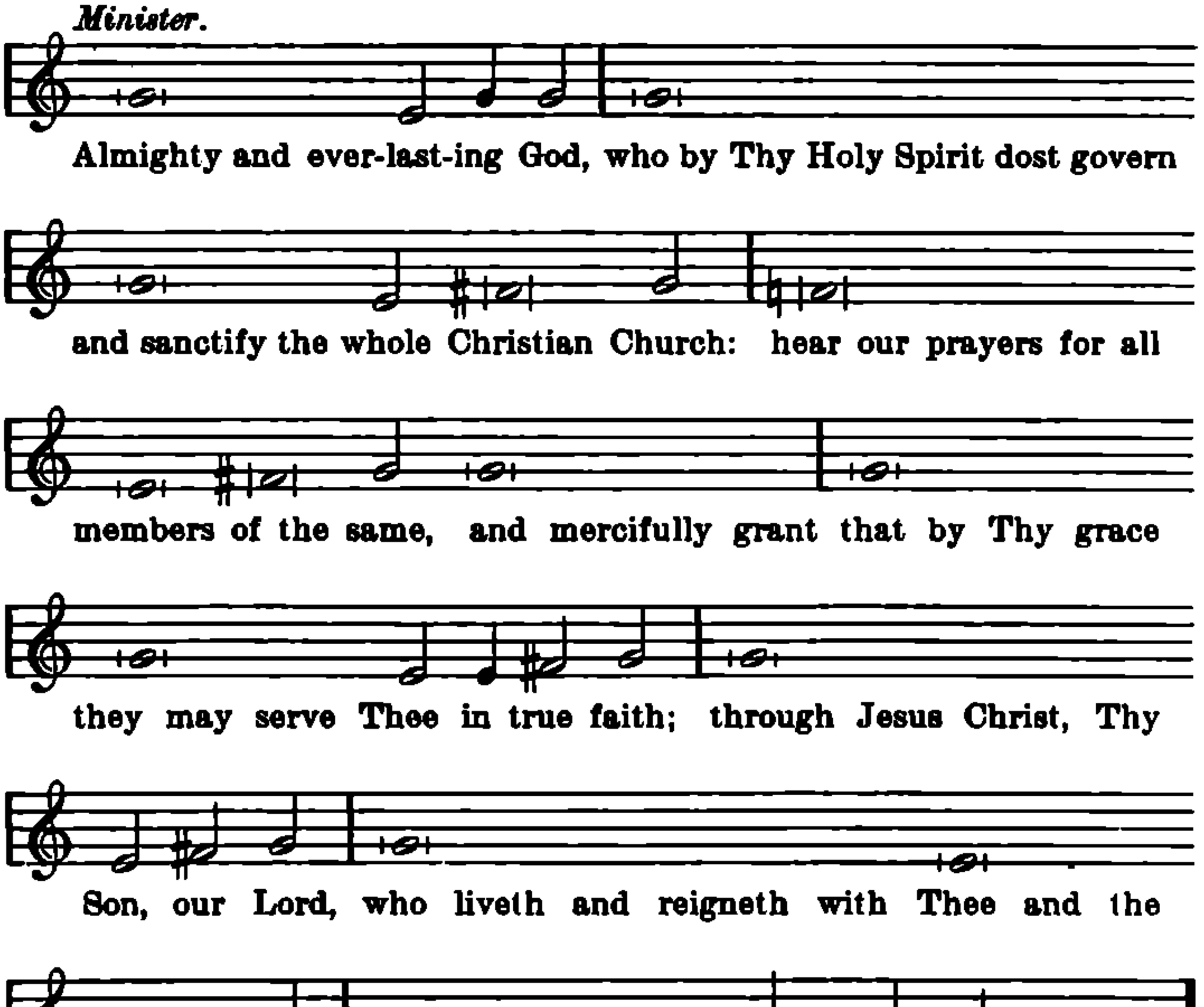


Then the Minister, still facing the Altar, shall chant or say:

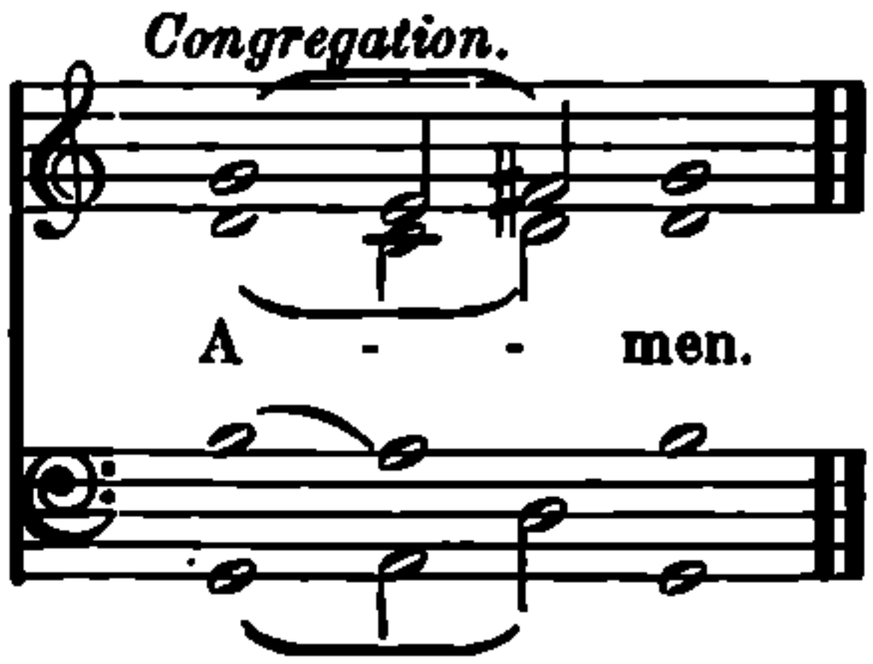


Then shall the Minister chant or say a suitable Collect.

THE COLLECT.



The Collect ended, the Congregation shall respond with:



Then shall the Minister read the

Epistle for the Day.

The Minister shall announce the EPISTLE, *saying:*

Let us hear with devout attention the Epistle for the Day. The Epistle Lesson for——is written in the——chapter of——, beginning at the ——verse.

The Epistle ended, the Minister shall withdraw, and the Congregation shall sing a

Hymn.

The Gospel for the Day.

Then shall the Minister return to the Altar and, turning to the Congregation, shall say:

Let us hear with devout attention the Gospel for the Day. The Gospel Lesson for——is written in the——chapter of the Gospel according to——, beginning at the——verse.

Then may be sung:

"We All Believe in One True God."

After the Hymn shall follow

The Sermon.

The Sermon ended, the Minister shall read the

General Confession and Absolution.

(*Liturgy, page 17.*)

Then shall follow

The General Prayer.

(*Liturgy, page 17.*)

After the General Prayer, special Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made, as occasion may require.

Then, after making the announcements for the day, the Minister shall say THE LORD'S PRAYER *and the* VOTUM.

Then shall be sung a

Hymn.

If there be no Communion, the Minister, facing the Altar, shall chant or say a suitable

Antiphon and Collect.

For Example:

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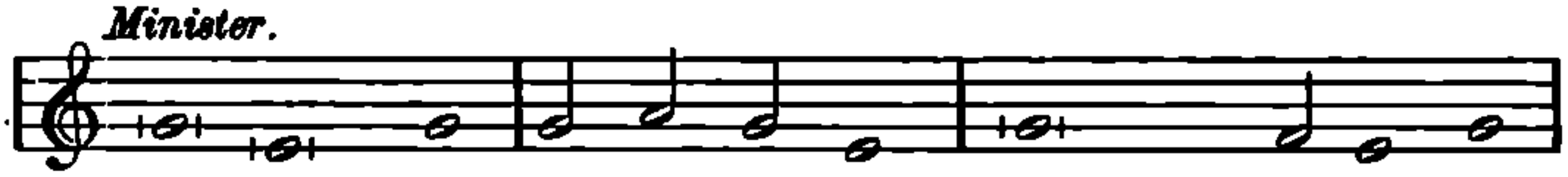

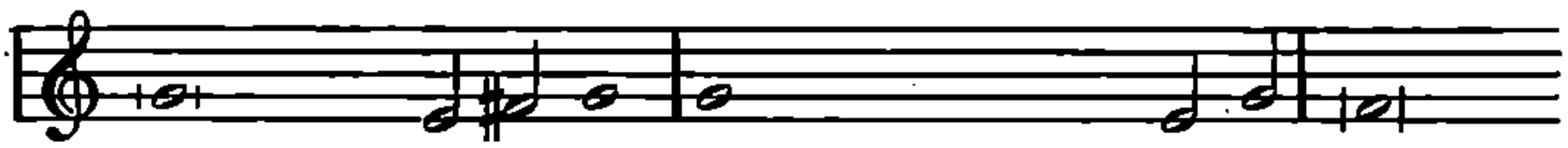

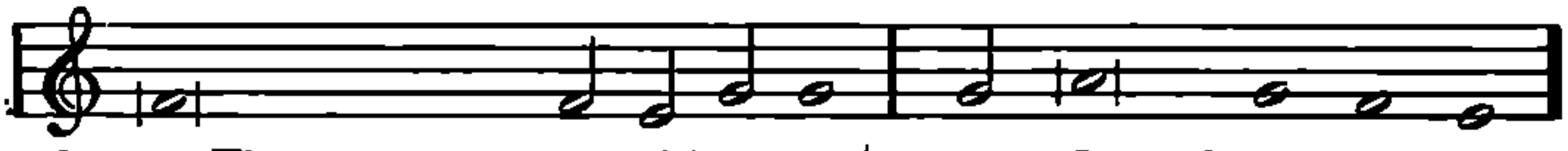

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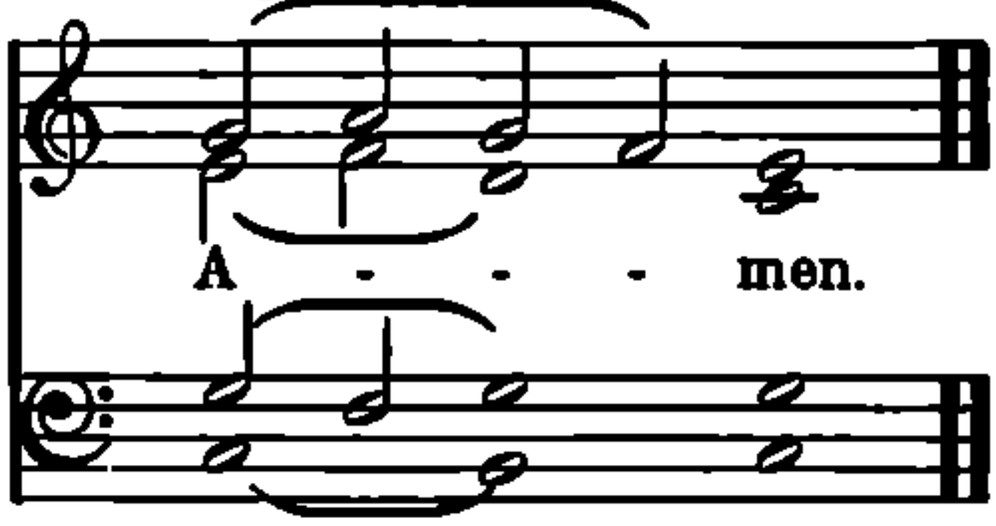
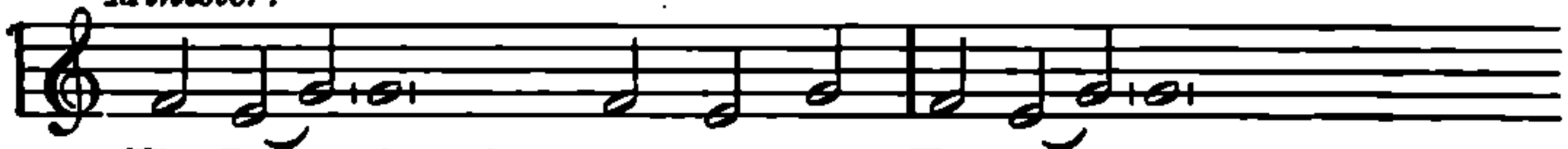
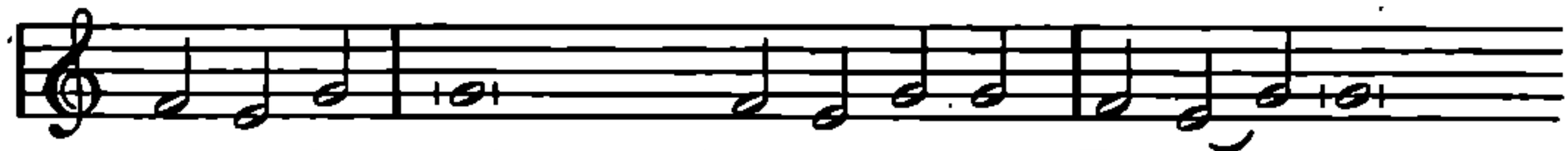


Then the Minister, facing the Congregation, shall chant or say

The Benediction.

Minister.





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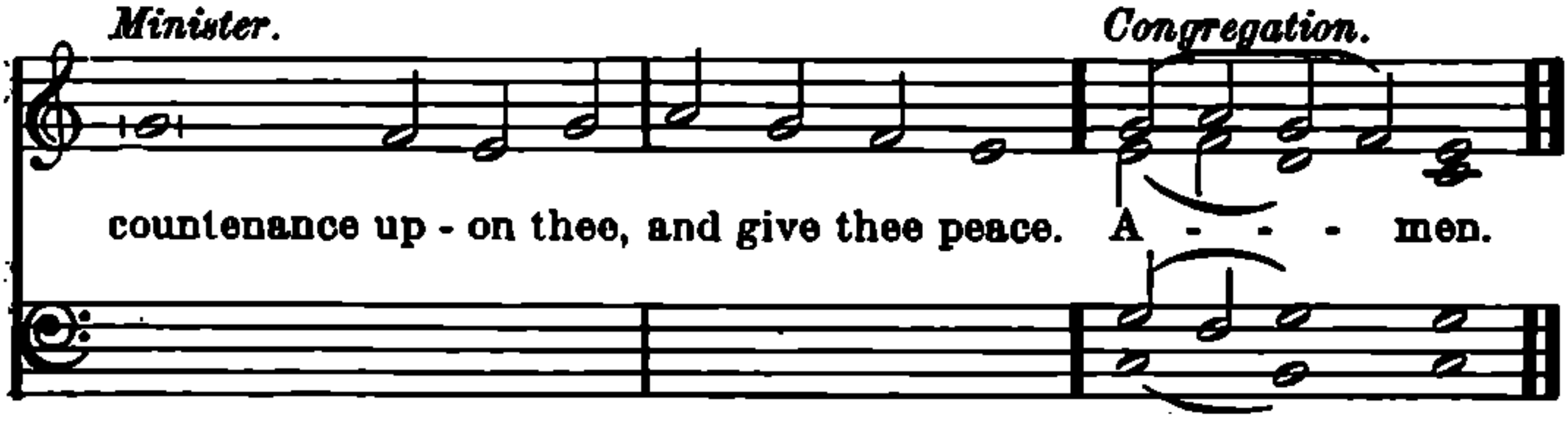


After the Benediction, the Congregation shall sing a closing stanza, and conclude the service with silent prayer.

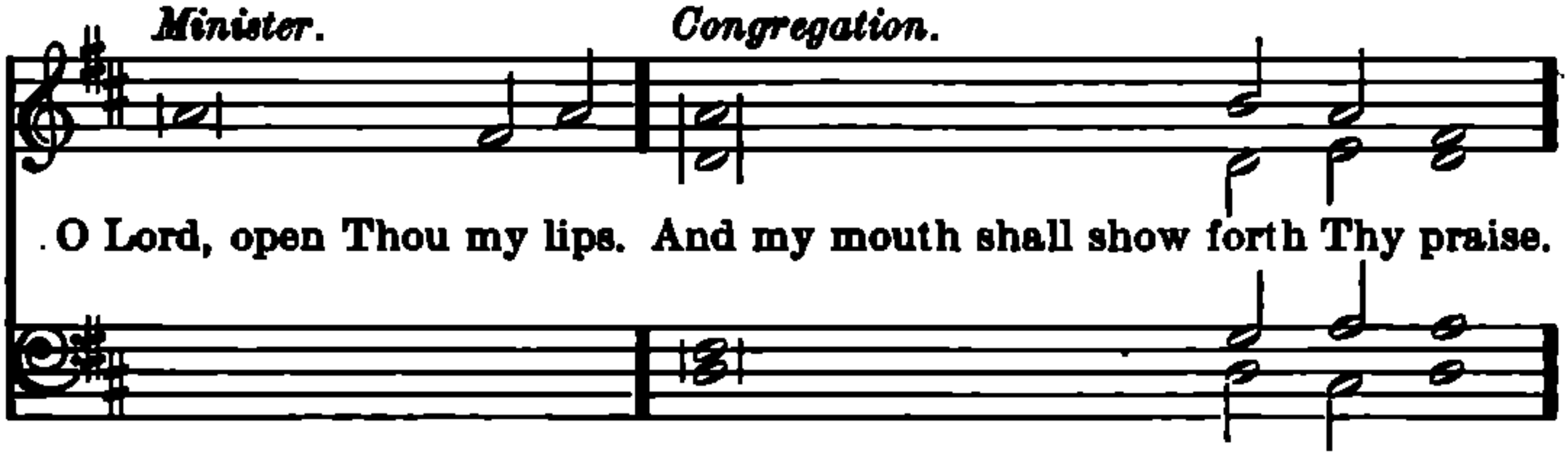
The Order of Evening Service, or Vespers.

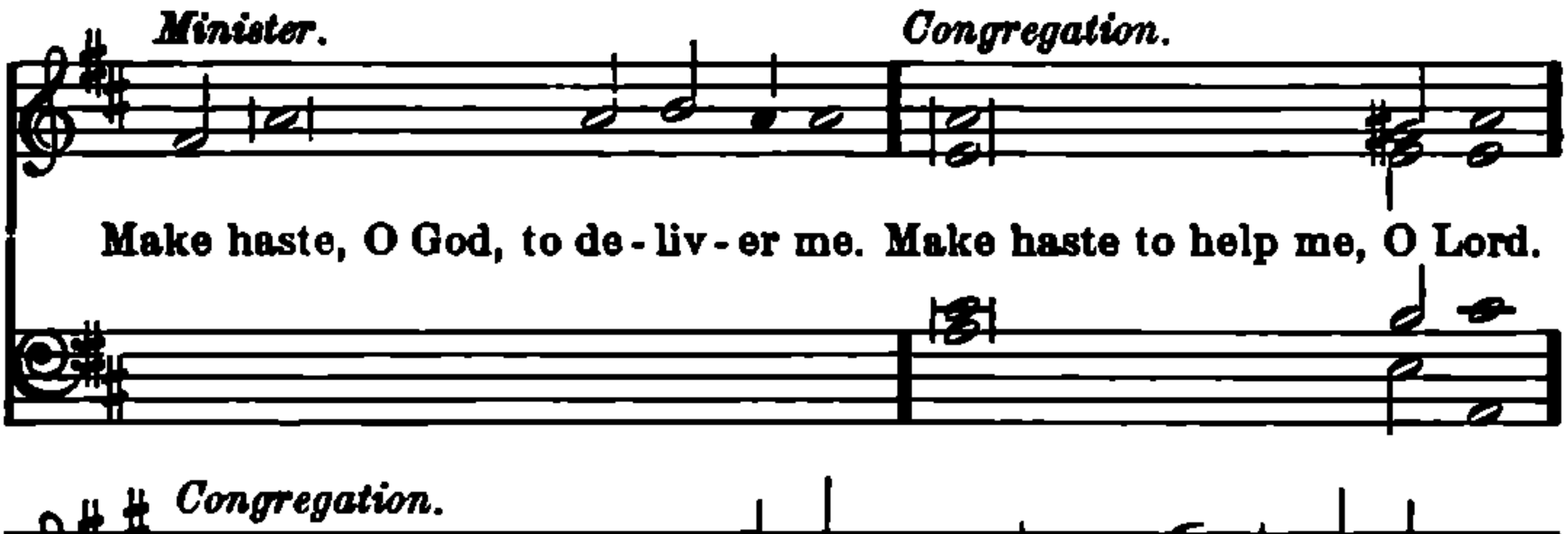
Opening Hymn.

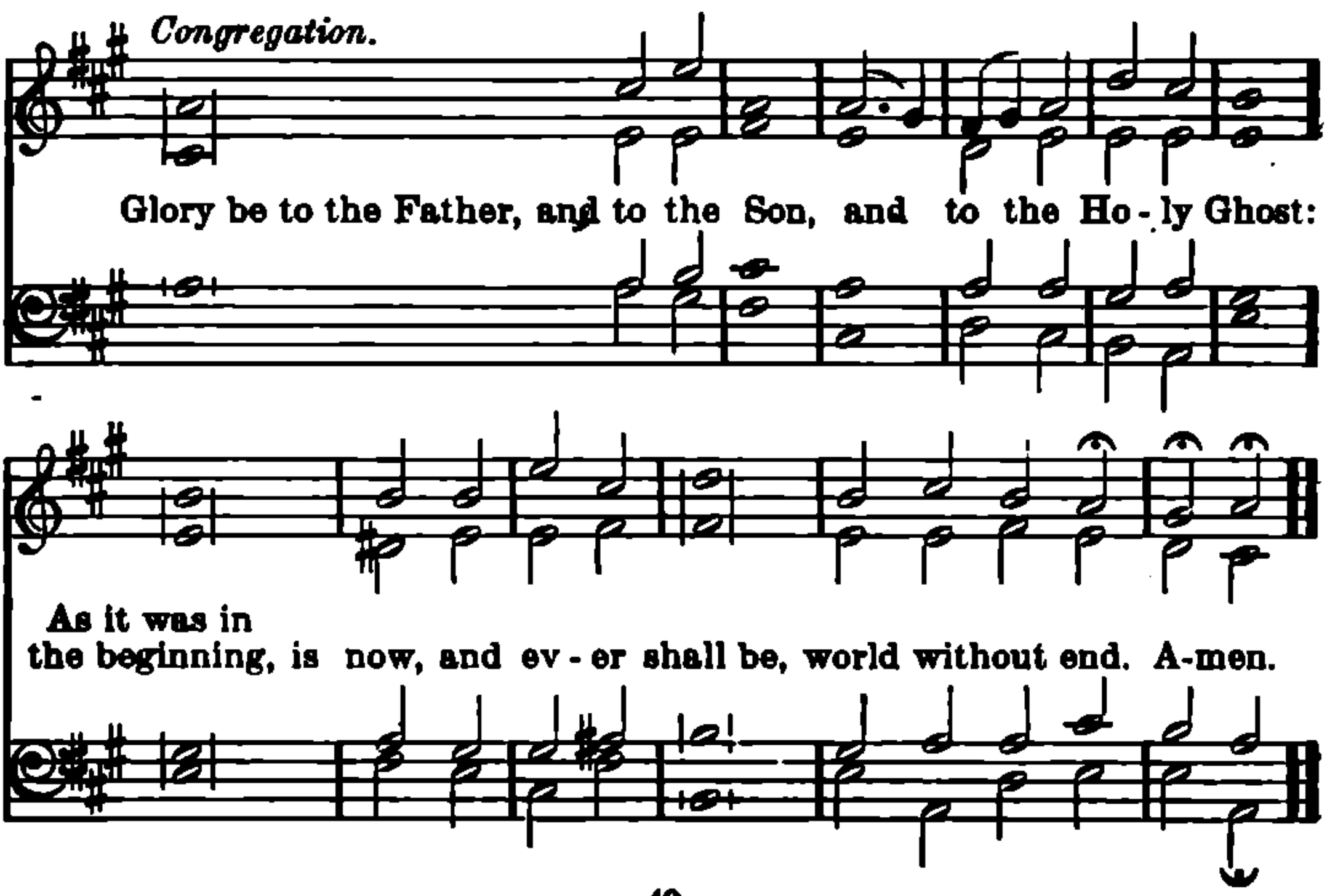
A Hymn of Invocation of the Holy Ghost, or another Hymn, may be sung.

The Versicle and Gloria Patri.

Then shall be sung or said responsively the VERSICLE *with the* GLORIA PATRI, *as here followeth, all standing to the end of the* PSALM.



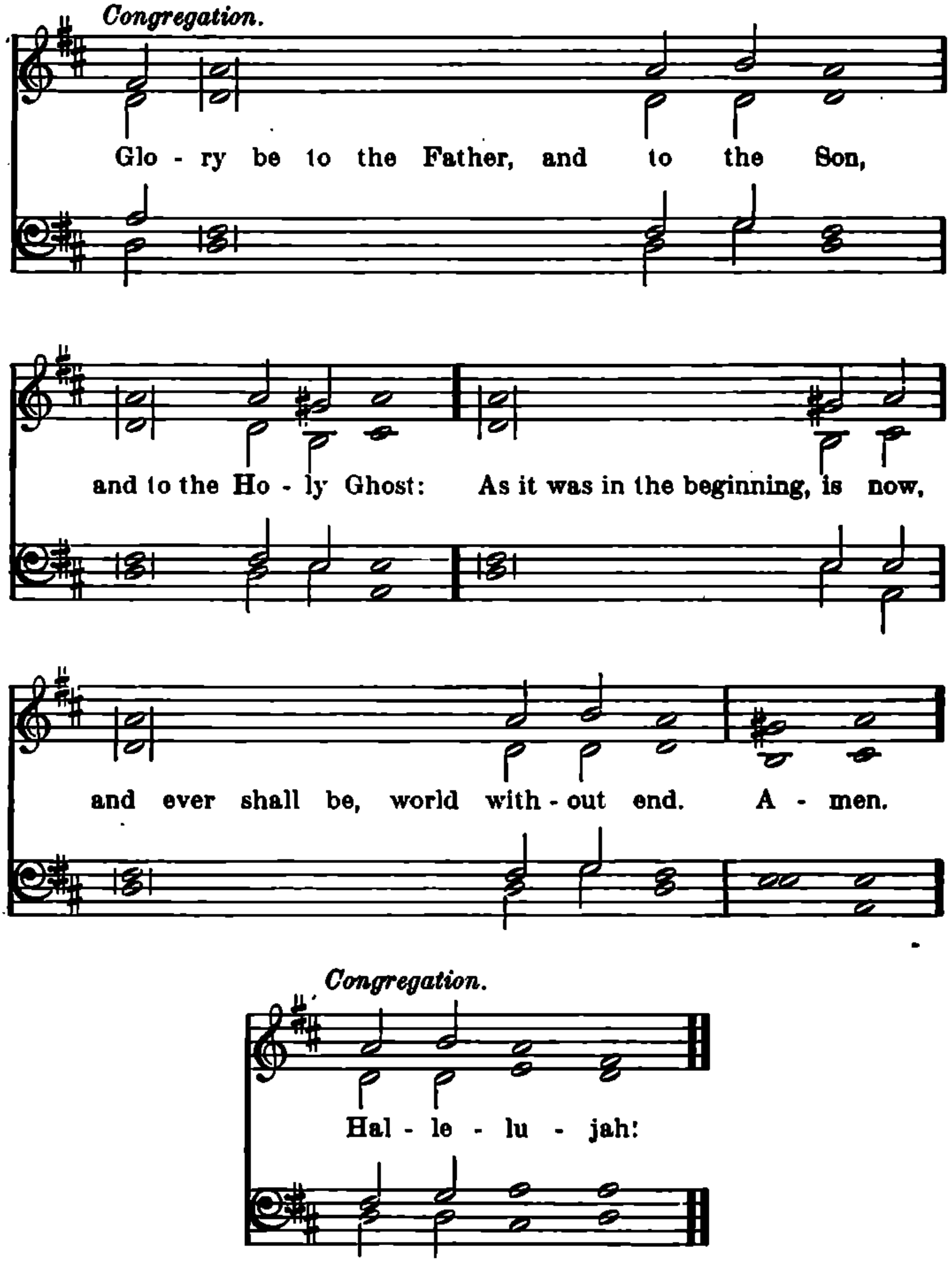




THE PSALM.

Then shall be chanted or said one or more PSALMS. *An* ANTIPHON *may be used with each* PSALM. *At the end of the* PSALM *the* GLORIA PATRI *shall be sung.*

GLORIA PATRI.



During the Passion Season the HALLELUJAH *shall be omitted.*

The Lesson.

The SCRIPTURE LESSONS *shall then be read, and after each* LESSON *may be chanted or said:*

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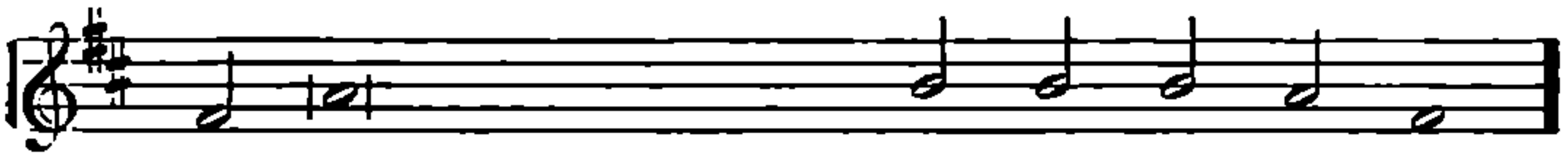

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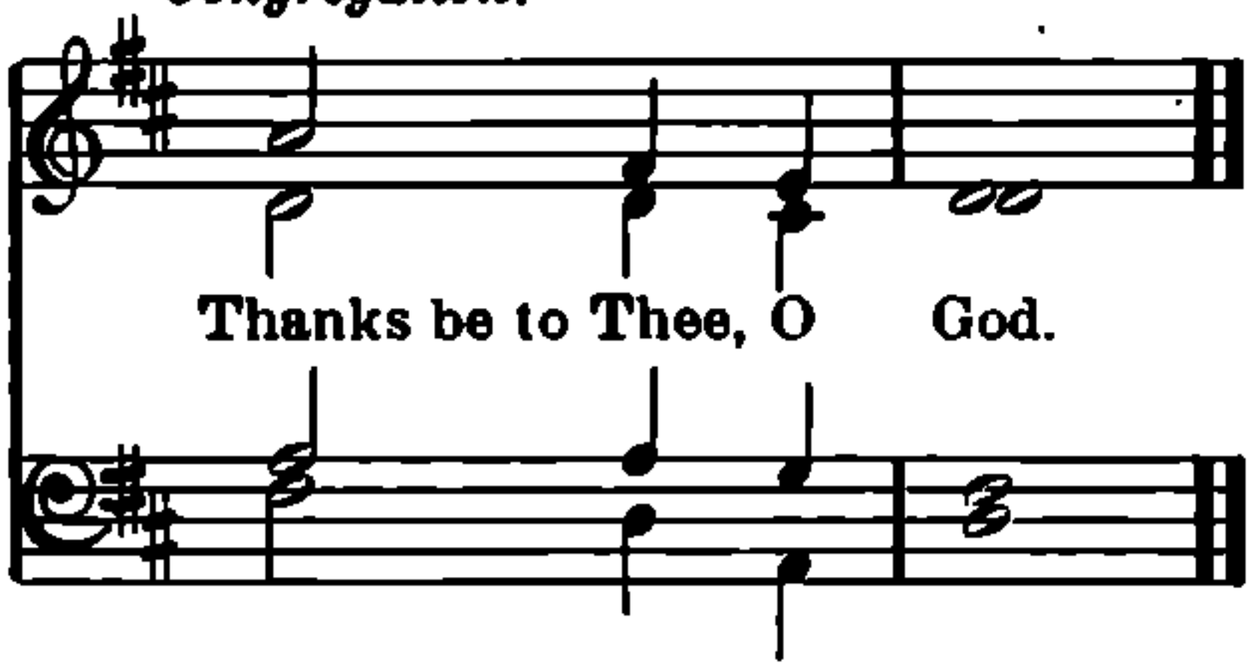

Responsory.

After the LESSONS *a* RESPONSORY *may be sung.*

Sermon.

Then may follow a SERMON, *after which the Offerings may be gathered.*

Then shall be sung

The Hymn.

Versicle and Canticle.

Then, all standing, may be chanted or said this VERSICLE. *But on Festival days a special* VERSICLE *may be used.*

THE VERSICLE.

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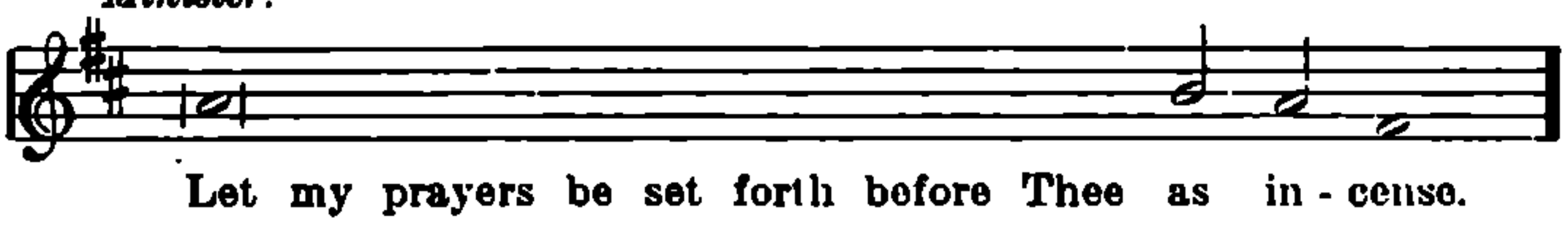

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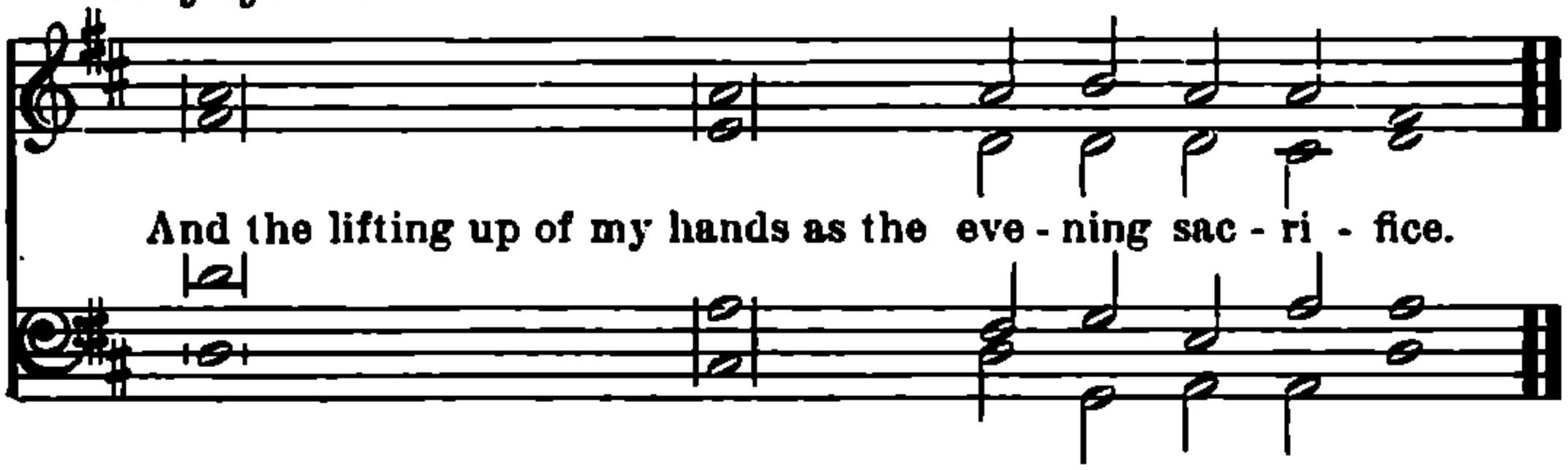
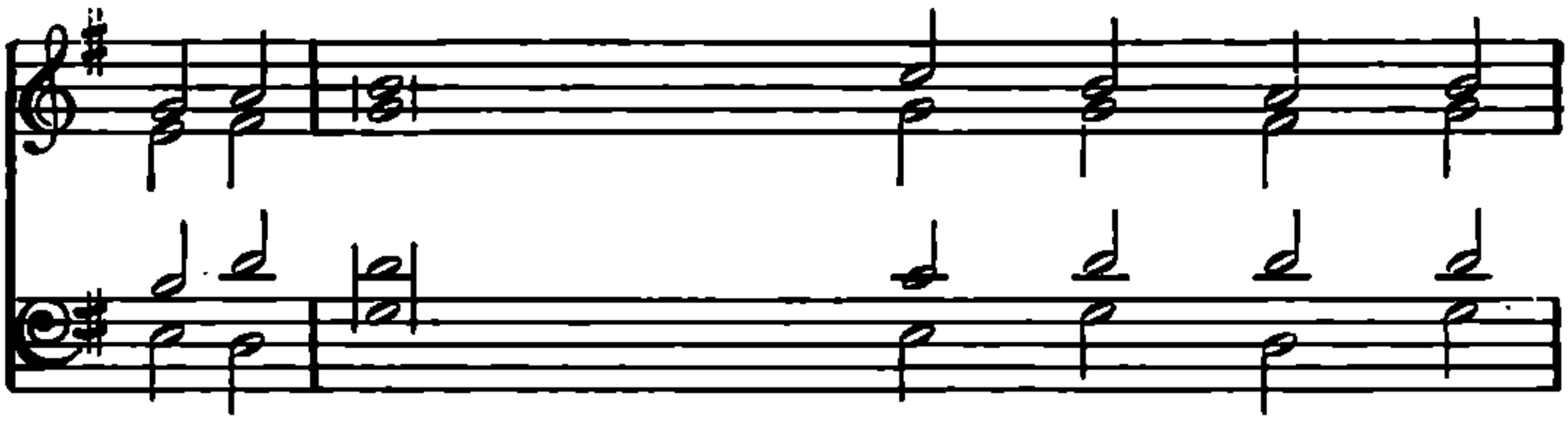


THE CANTICLE.

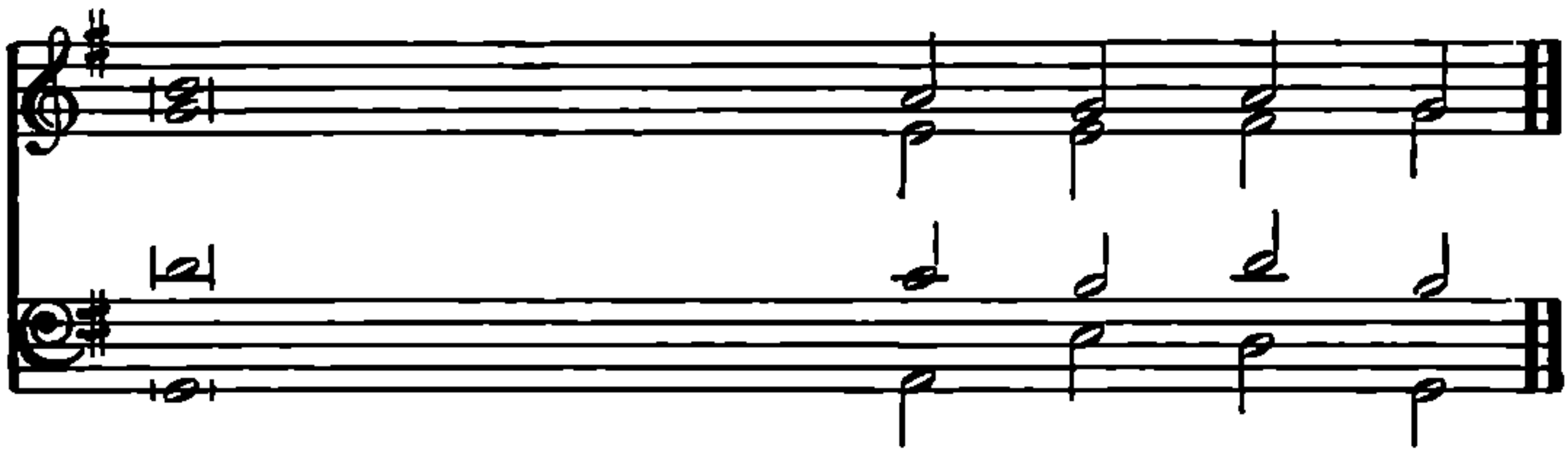
Then shall be chanted or said the

Magnificat.

St. Luke 1.



1. My soul doth mag - - -	ni-	fy	the	Lord:
2. For He	hath	re-	gard-	ed:
3. For be - hold, ...	. .	from	hence-	forth:
4. For He that is mighty hath done	to	me	great	things:
5. And His mercy is on	them	that	fear	Him:
6. He hath showed	strength	with	His	arm:
7. He hath put down the might -	y	from	their	seats:
8. He hath filled the hun - - -	gry	with	good	things:
9. He hath holpen His servant Israel, in remembrance	of	His	mer-	cy:
Glo - ry be to the Father, . .	and	to	the	Son:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and	ev-	er	shall	be:



1. and my spirit hath rejoiced in	God,	my	Sav-	ior.
2. the low estate of	His	hand-	maid-	en:
3. all generations shall . . .	call	me	bless-	ed.
4. and ho - - - - - - - - -	ly	is	His	name.
5. from generation to	gen-	er-	a-	tion.
6. He hath scattered the proud in the imagina-	tion	of	their	hearts.
7. and exalted them	of	low	de-	gree.
8. and the rich He hath sent .	emp-	ty	a-	way.
9. as He spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his	seed	for-	ev-	er.
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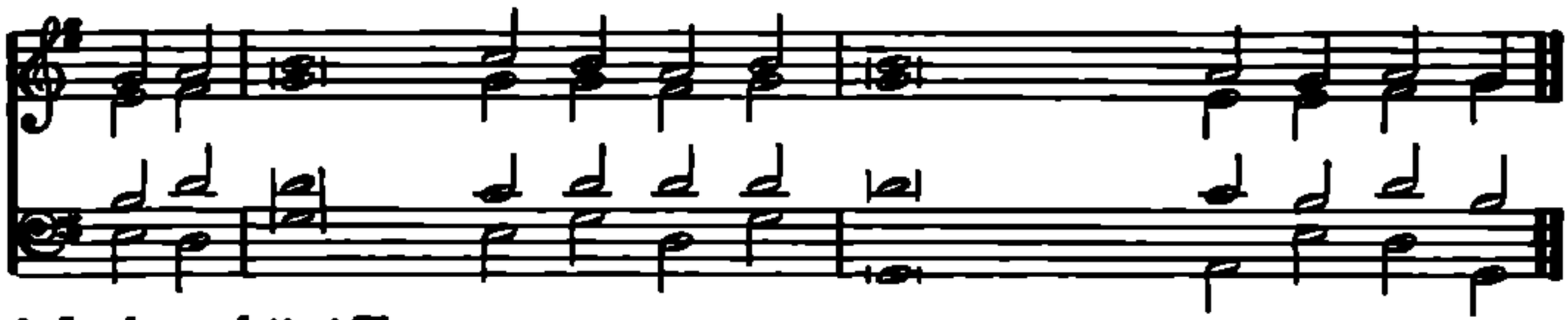
NUNC DIMITTIS.

St. Luke 2.



1. Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de- part in peace: accord - - - - - ing to Thy Word;
2. For mine eyes have seen Thy sal- va- tion: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peo- ple;
3. A light to light - - en the Gen- tiles: and the glory of Thy peo- ple Isra- el.

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son: and to . . . . the Ho- ly Ghost;

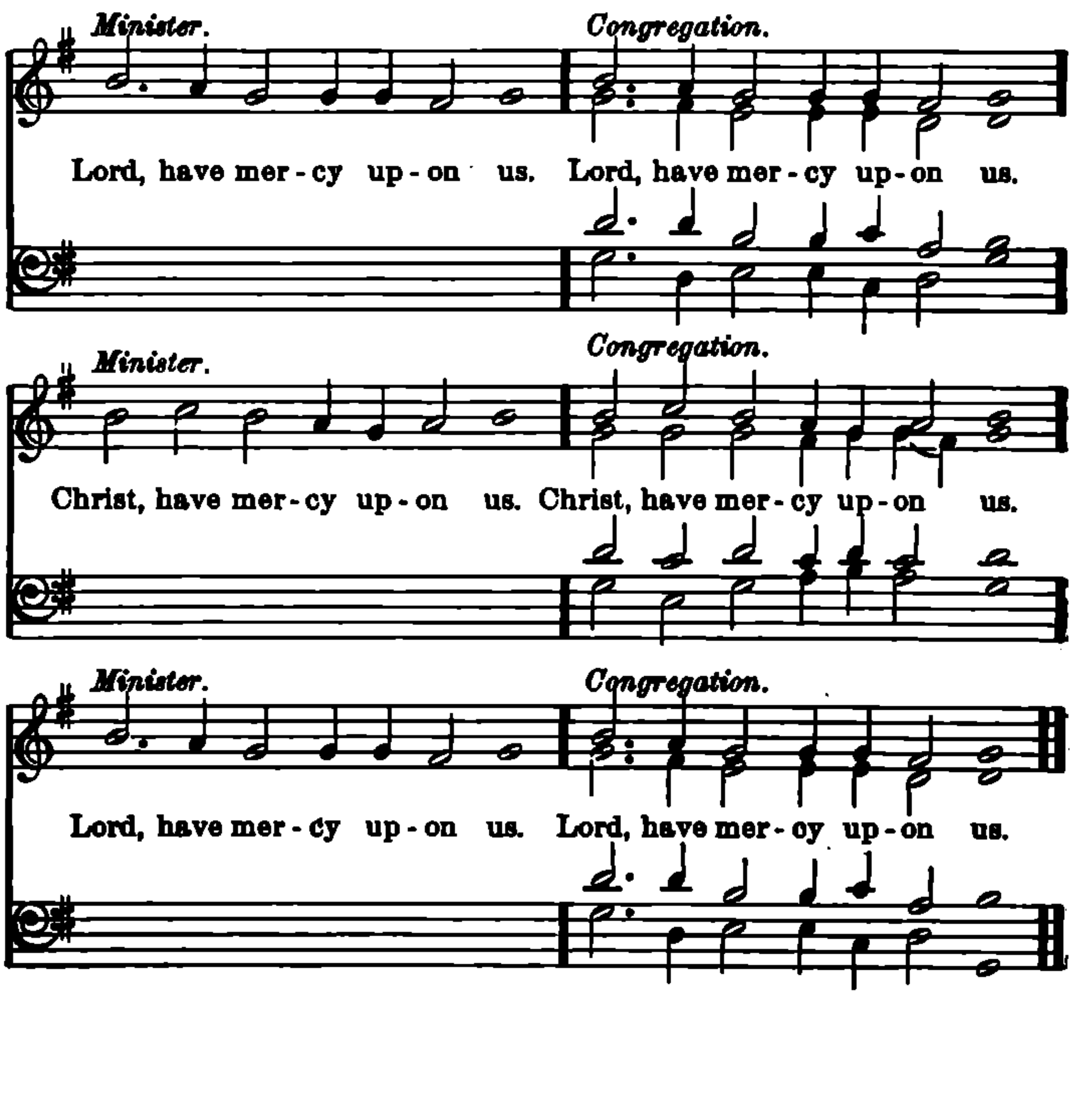
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev- er shall be: world with - - out end. A- men.

An Antiphon may be sung with the CANTICLE.

Prayer.

Then shall be said the PRAYERS, *or the* SUFFRAGES, *or the* LITANY.

Kyrie.



Then all shall chant or say

The Lord's Prayer.

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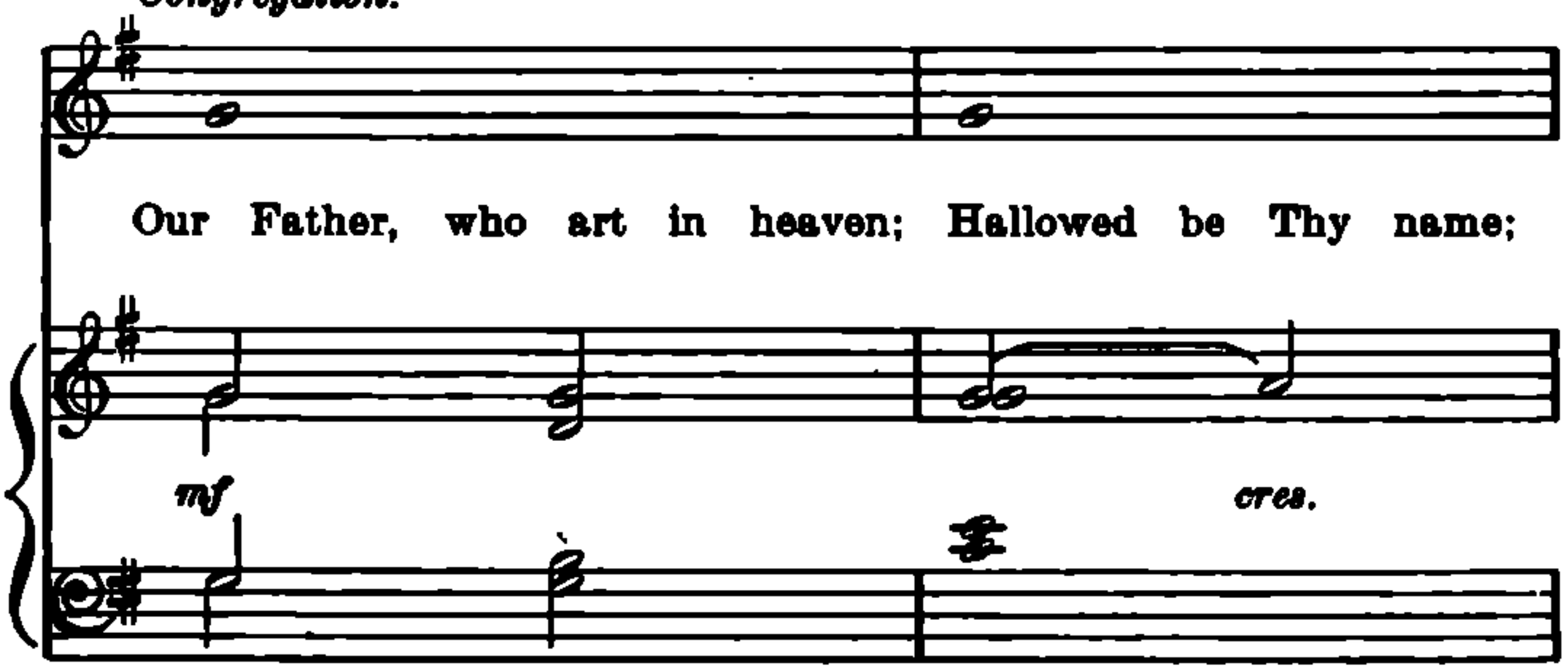
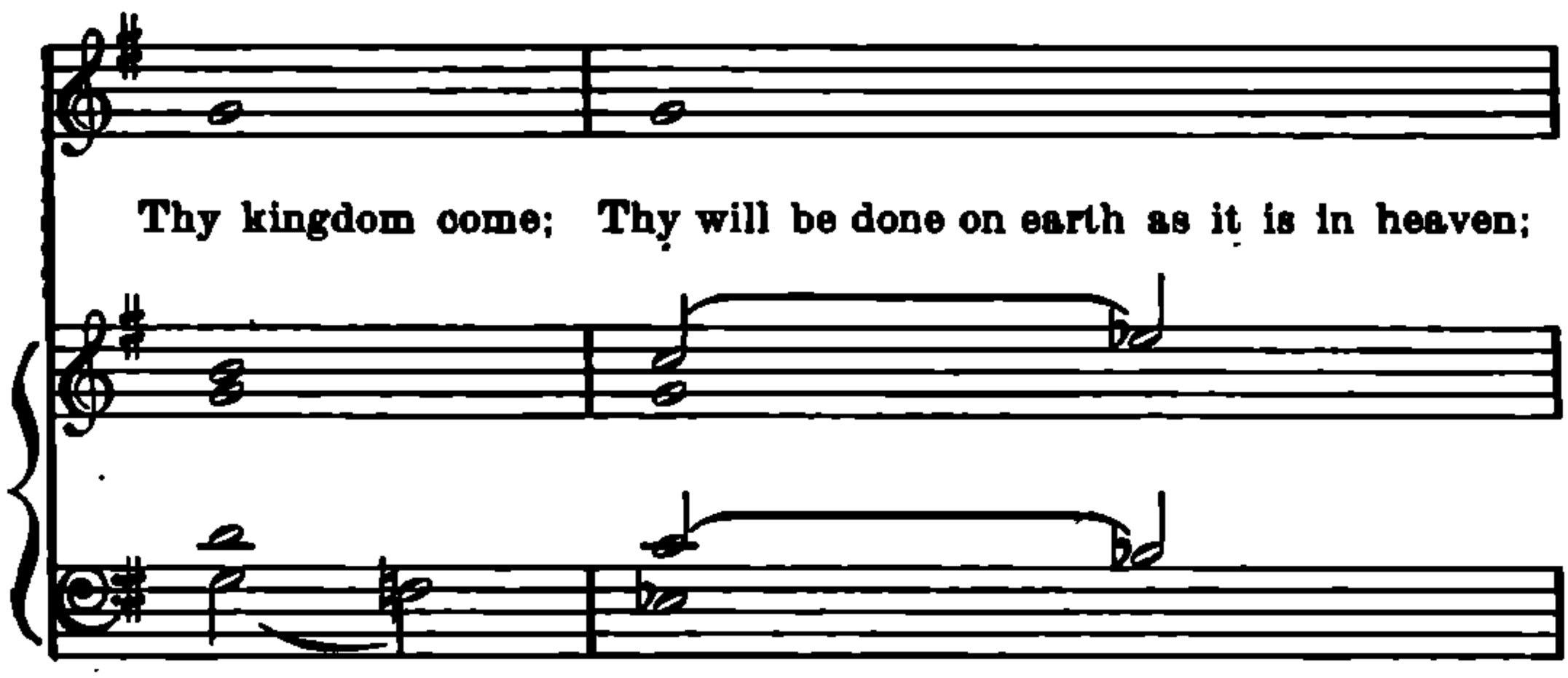
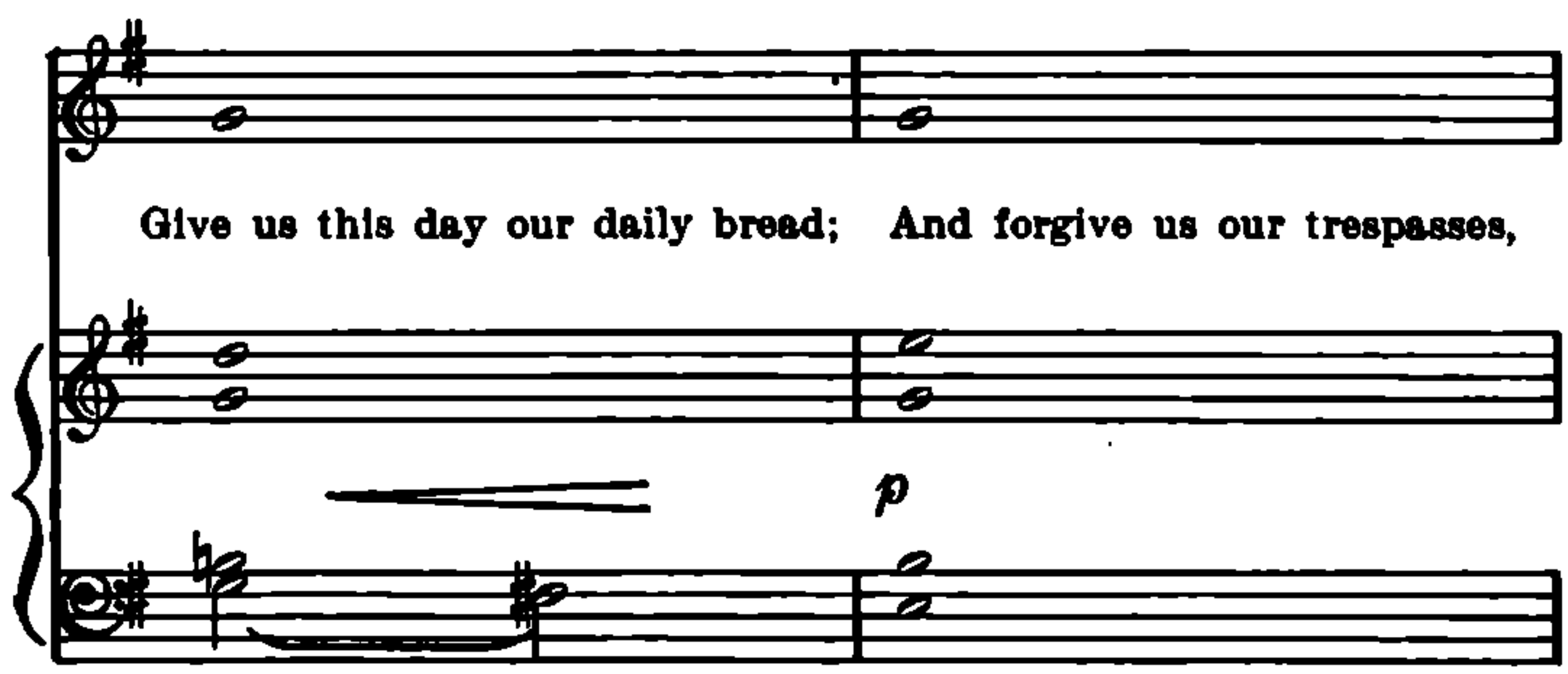


Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name;



Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;



Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us; | And lead us not into temptation;

But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,

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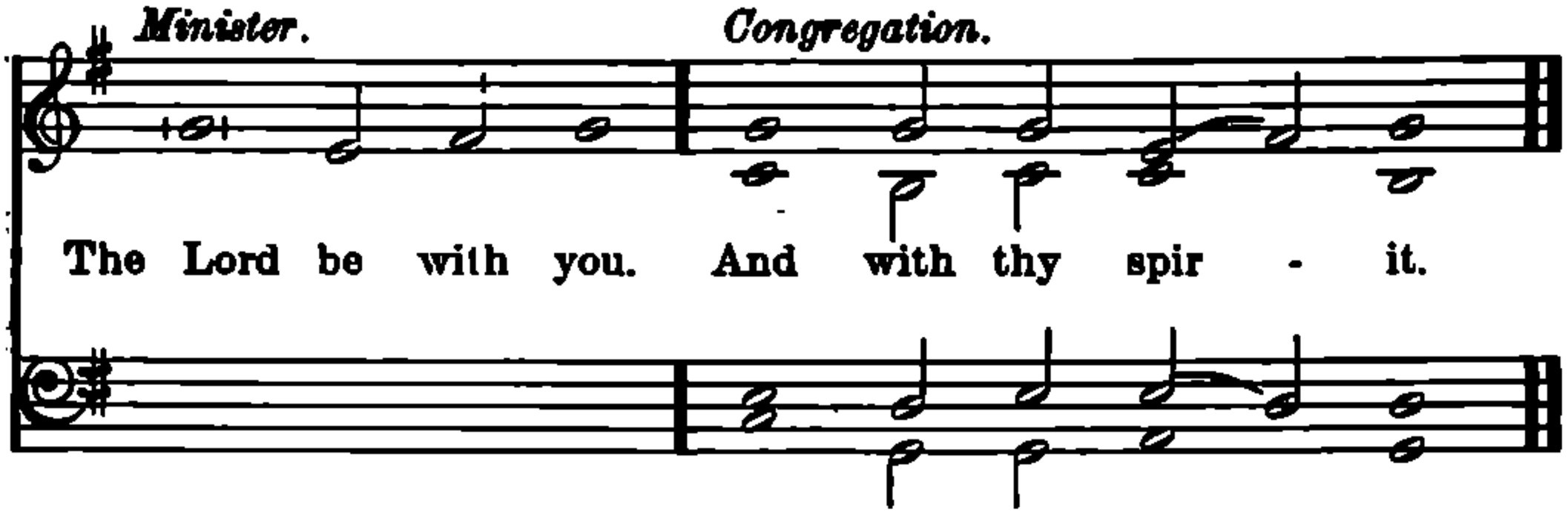
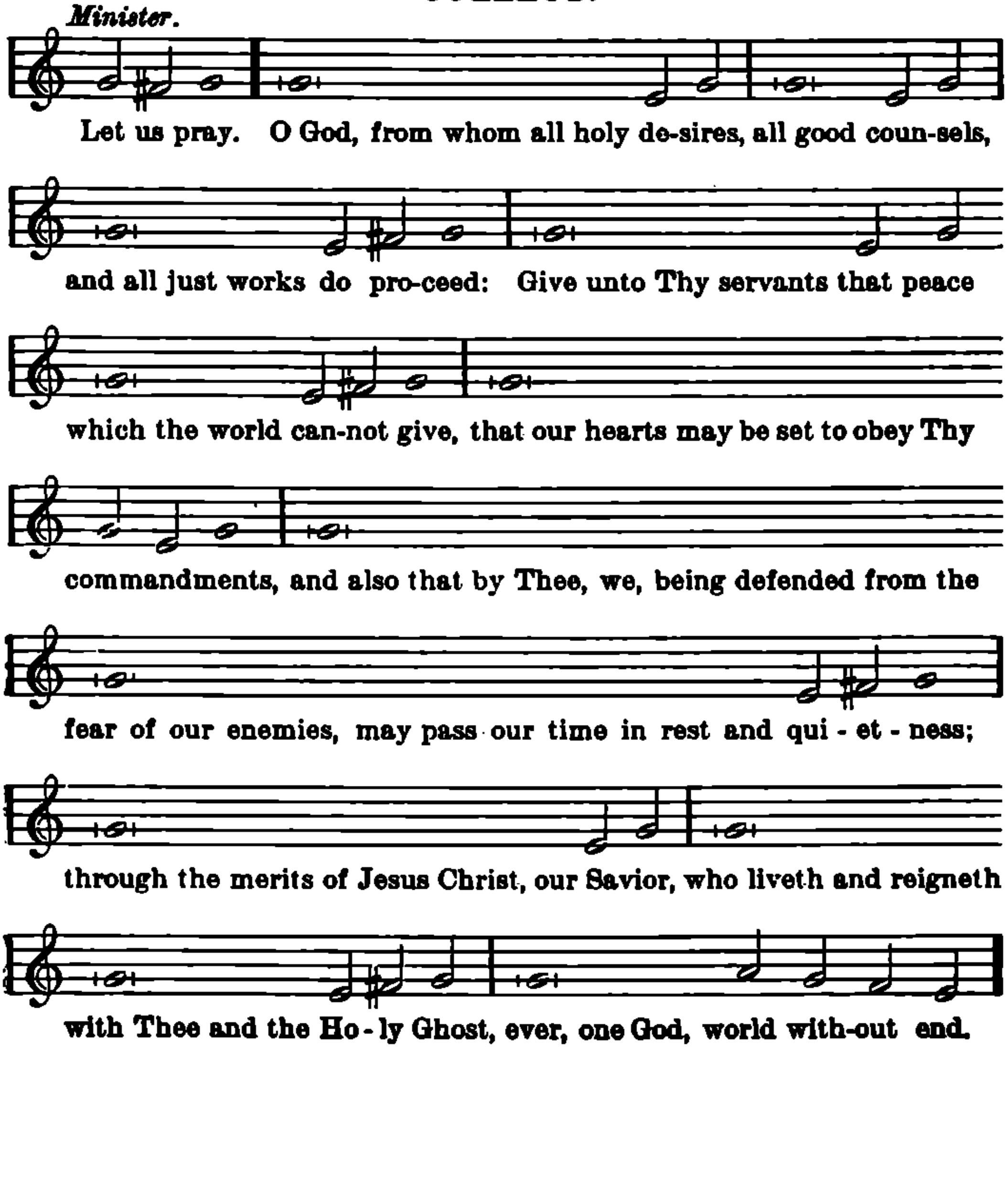
and the glory, forever and ever. A - men.

Salutation and Collect.



Then shall be said or chanted the COLLECT *for the day: the* COLLECT *for the Sunday is said or chanted throughout the week following until Friday, but on Saturday the* COLLECT *for the following Sunday is used. Then may be chanted or said any other* COLLECTS *and after that this* COLLECT *for Peace. A* VERSICLE *may be used with the* COLLECT.

COLLECT.



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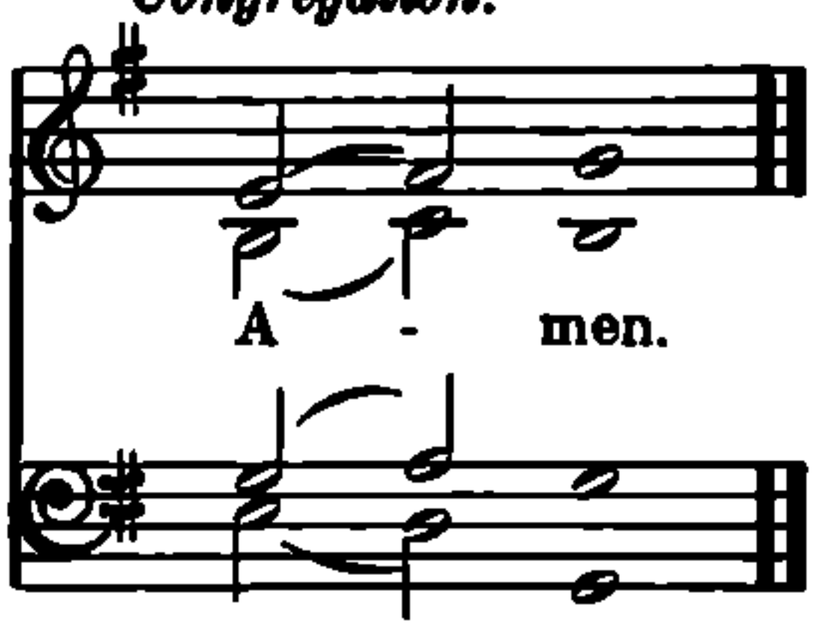
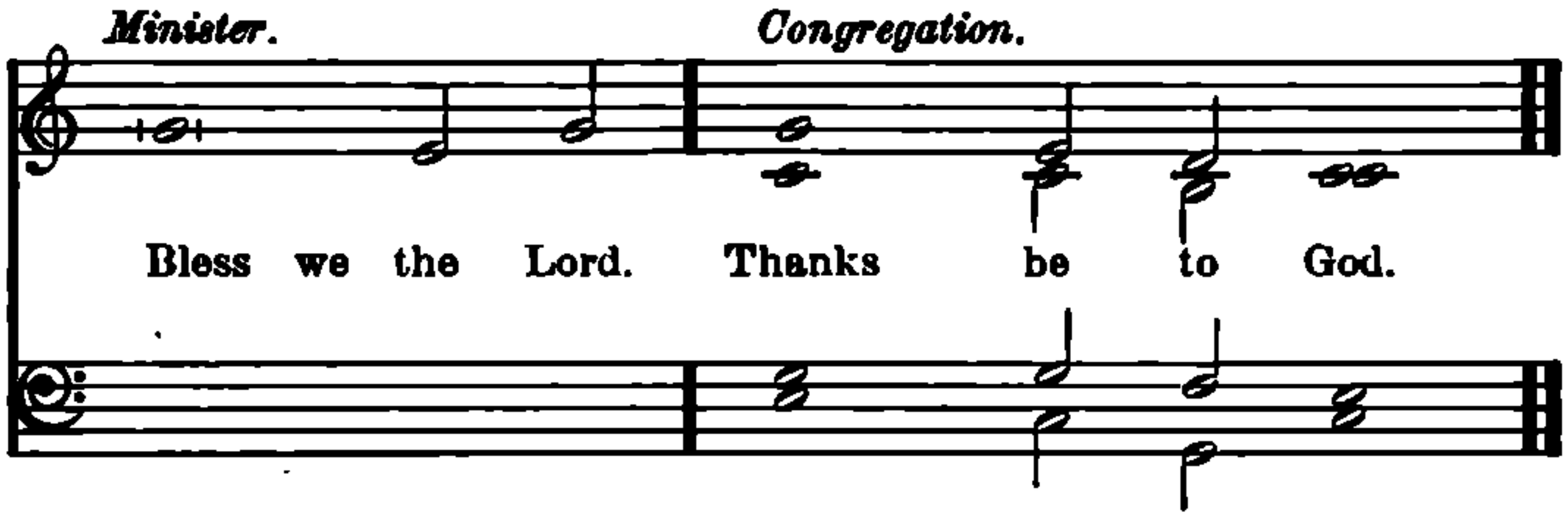


Then may be chanted or said the

Benedicamus.

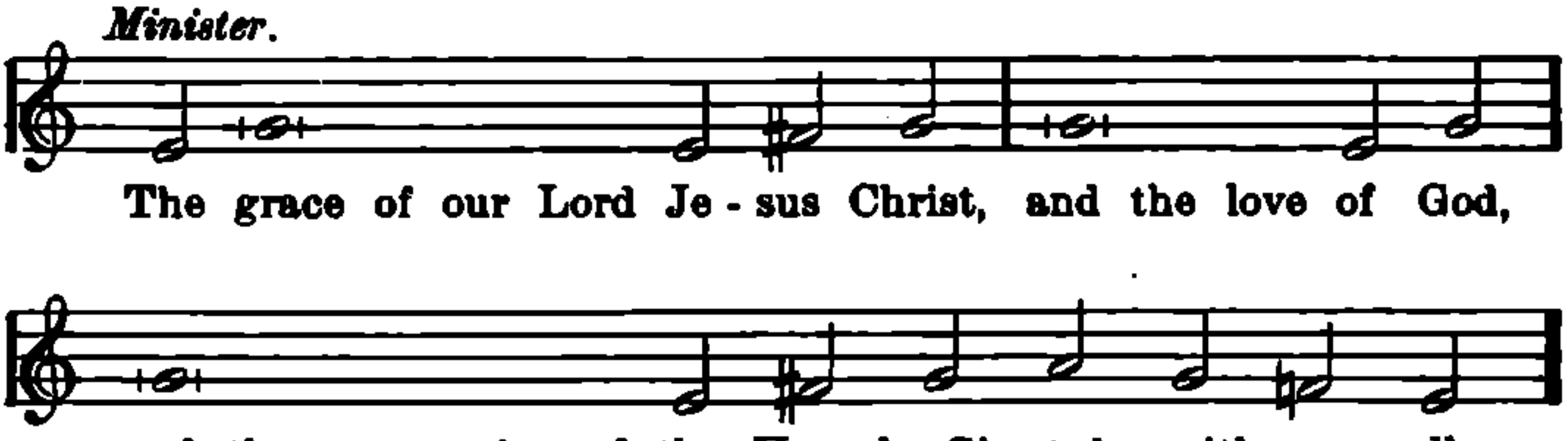
Minister. *Congregation.*



The service may end with the BENEDICAMUS; *or a closing Hymn may be sung, after which may be chanted or said*

The Benediction.

Minister.



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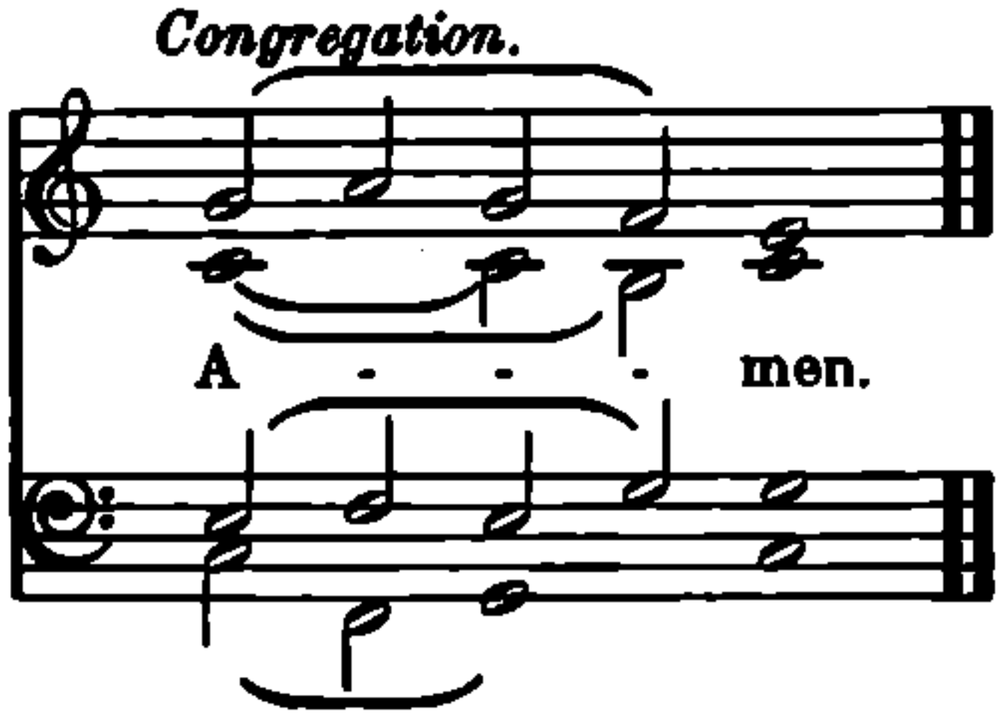

At the close of the service silent prayer should be offered.